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OF

THE SYNOD

OF

SOUTH CAROLINA AND GEORGIA,

*AT THEIR SESSIONS*

IN AUGUSTA, (Ga.)

**November 1839, and November 1840,**

WITH

**AN APPENDIX.**

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## SYNOD OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND GEORGIA.

AUGUSTA, (Geo.) Nov. 29, 1839, }  
half past 6 o'clock, P. M. }

The Synod of South Carolina and Georgia met according to adjournment, and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator, Rev. R. W. James, from Heb. x. 2d and 3d verses : " Because that the worshippers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins. But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins every year."

Constituted with prayer.

On motion, the standing rule requesting "the Stated Clerks of Presbyteries to furnish the Synod, at its opening, a complete list of their number, from which the Synodical roll shall be made out," was suspended, and the old roll was called.

### PRESENT.

*From the Presbytery of South Carolina.*

MINISTER—R. C. Ketchum.

ELDER—D. Leslie, Upper Long Cane Church.

*From the Presbytery of Hopewell.*

MINISTERS—A. Church, D. D., S. K. Talmage, F. R. Goulding, C. W. Howard, T. M. Dwight, F. Bowman, H. C. Carter, A. N. Cunningham, John Baker.

ELDER—Dr. P. F. Eve, Augusta Church.

*From the Presbytery of Harmony.*

MINISTERS—R. W. James, George Howe, D. D., William Bearly, T. R. English, W. M. Reid, D. McQueen.

ELDERS—William Law, Columbia Church ; S. E. Wilson, Mount Zion Church ; J. Aiken, Salem, Little River.

*From the Presbytery of Charleston Union.*

MINISTERS—A. W. Leland, D. D., B. Gildersleeve, Thos. Smyth, A. Gilchrist, G. W. Boggs, T. Magruder, W. C. Dana, D. J. Auld.

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ELDERS—Hugh Wilson, John's Island and Wadmalaw Church; D. Ardis, Beech Island Church.

*From the Presbytery of Bethel.*

MINISTERS—J. B. Davies, John Douglass.  
ELDER—J. Poag, Fishing Creek Church.

*From the Presbytery of Flint River.*

MINISTERS—J. S. Wilson, S. J. Cassels, M. Dickson.

*From the Presbytery of Georgia.*

MINISTERS—W. Baird, John Winn.

ABSENT.

*Presbytery of South Carolina.*

M. Waddel, D. D., W. H. Barr, D. D., J. B. Kennedy, J. Boggs, A. W. Ross, B. D. Dupree, D. Humphreys, J. L. Kennedy, I. W. Waddel, W. H. Harris, H. Dickson, S. B. Lewers, Edwin Cater, Edward T. Buist, C. W. Martin, J. F. Gibert.

*Presbytery of Hopewell.*

E. Pharr, N. Hoyt, S. S. Davis, C. P. Beman, H. Safford, J. W. Reid, R. Hooker, J. H. George, J. Harrison, W. Quillin, A. M. Egerton, J. Gamble, J. Warnock, J. Templeton.

*Presbytery of Harmony.*

R. W. Bailey, J. Witherspoon, D. D., G. H. W. Petrie, A. G. Peden, J. Brown, S. Donnelly, J. L. Bartlett, J. C. Coit, R. B. Campbell, J. McFarland, J. L. Wilson, J. J. Dubose, P. Pearson.

*Presbytery of Charleston Union.*

B. M. Palmer, D. D., R. Post, D. D., W. S. Lee, E. Palmer, J. Wallace, E. White, J. B. Vandyck, Z. Rogers, A. Buist, D. Ball, J. F. Lanneau, J. B. Adger, J. L. Merrick, J. A. Mitchell, J. Lewers, I. S. K. Legare, T. H. Legare, W. B. Yates.

*Presbytery of Georgia.*

W. McWhir, D. D., R. Quarterman, H. S. Pratt, N. A. Pratt, C. C. Jones, I. S. K. Axson, B. Burroughs, H. Galpin, J. S. Olcott, J. L. Jones, R. Dunlap.

*Presbytery of Flint River.*

J. Brown, D. D., R. Chamberlain, T. F. Montgomery, J. H. Saye, T. Goulding, D. D., J. Y. Alexander, William K. Patton, J. C. Patterson, J. Stratton, A. M. Mooney, L. W. Corbin.

*Presbytery of Bethel.*

R. B. Walker, J. S. Adams, J. L. R. Davies, J. H. Thornwell, W. B. Davies, S. B. O. Wilson, A. Williams, P. E. Bishop, C. Johnston.

Rev. George Howe, D. D., was chosen Moderator, and B. Gildersleeve, Temporary Clerk.

On motion, the standing order of the Synod to devote a portion of the second day of the session to religious exercises, was suspended, when it was agreed to hold the same on Saturday evening at candle light in the Lecture Room.

Rev. Mr. Atkinson, of the Synod of Virginia, and the Rev. D. McNeil Turner, of the Synod of North Carolina, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

A Committee, consisting of R. W. James, A. Church, D. D., R. C. Ketchum, W. Baird, J. B. Davies, J. S. Wilson, with Elders S. E. Wilson, P. F. Eve, D. Leslie, and J. Poag, were appointed, to whom were referred the proceedings of Charleston Union Presbytery, with instructions to inquire and report as early as practicable, what action, if any, has been had upon the requirement of the General Assembly and Synod of 1838, to take order upon the Acts of the said Assembly, entitled "Acts for the purification and pacification of the Church"—to meet immediately after the adjournment of the Synod this evening, and afterwards upon their own adjournments.

It was made the order of the day for 10 o'clock on Saturday to hear the Report of the Board of Missions.

Synod then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock in the Lecture Room of this Church.

Concluded with prayer.

LECTURE ROOM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, }  
Friday, 9 o'clock, A. M. }

Synod met, and was opened with prayer. Present as last evening, together with Rev. W. H. Davis, C. W. Martin, Rev. Dr. McWhir, R. Chamberlain, J. C. Patterson, Joseph Templeton, G. H. W. Petrie, T. F. Montgomery, S. W. Erwin, and Elders, Mr. Mitchell from Athens Church, John Cunningham, Greenesboro' Church, Dr. N. Harris, Willington Church, and A. Campbell, Walterboro' Church.

On motion, the reading of last year's Minutes was dispensed with, and the printed Minutes were distributed among the members.

The members present who were absent at the last meeting of Synod, were severally called upon for the reasons of their absence, which were sustained.

The Moderator appointed the following Committees, viz:

*Committee on Bills and Overtures.*—A. W. Leland, D. D., D. McQueen, S. K. Talmage, A. Gilchrist, with Elders Wm. Law and A. Campbell, to meet after the recess this morning, and afterwards on their own adjournments.

*Judicial Committee.*—M. Dickson, S. J. Cassels, T. R. English, with Elders James Aiken and David Ardis.

*Committee on the Narrative.*—J. C. Patterson and F. Bowman, with Elder Hugh Wilson.

Committee for religious exercises on Saturday, and religious exercises in connexion with the Congregation, Mr. Cunningham and Dr. Eve.

*Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly.*—F. Bowman and W. M. Reid.

The Committee on the proceedings of Charleston Union Presbytery asked and obtained leave to retire.

Letters to the Moderator, assigning reasons for absence, were received and read, from B. M. Palmer, D. D., P. Pierson, Dr. William A. McDowell, J. J. Dubosc, which were sustained.

Committee to examine the Records of the Presbytery of South Carolina—William Bearly, D. McQueen, with Elder W. L. Mitchell.

The Records of Hopewell Presbytery—W. H. Davies, G. W. Boggs, with Elder D. Ardis.

The Records of Harmony Presbytery—R. Chamberlain, J. Douglass, with Elder J. Cunningham.

The Records of Georgia Presbytery—G. H. W. Petrie, H. C. Carter, with Elder Dr. N. Harris.

The Records of Bethel Presbytery—J. C. Patterson, T. F. Montgomery, with Elder J. Aiken.

The Records of Flint River Presbytery—C. W. Martin, D. J. Auld, with Elder J. Poag.

It was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning, immediately after the opening of Synod, to hear the Statistical Reports and Reports on the State of Religion.

The Committee on Education made a report, which was accepted and referred to a special Committee, consisting of S. S. Davis, Dr. Church, and S. K. Talmage, that they may review it and recommend measures for the promotion of the cause of Education.

A special Committee, consisting of Dr. Leland, Wm. Brearly, J. B. Davies, with Elders David Ardis, William Law, and John Poag, were appointed to take into consideration and report on the proposed alteration in the boundary lines of Charleston Union Presbytery, Harmony, and Bethel Presbytery. And to this Committee applications from Bethel and Charleston Union Presbytery to change their boundary lines were referred.

Rev. J. Lewers, J. F. Gibert, and J. Bryan, Elder of Mount Zion Church, Hopewell Presbytery, appeared in Synod and took their seats.

Rev. Mr. Atkinson stated to Synod that he and Mr Turner were delegates from the Synods of Virginia and North Carolina, to this Synod, with propositions respecting the union of the Theological Seminary of this Synod and the Union Theological Seminary, and requested permission to present their statements at such time as this Synod might deem most suitable. Whereupon it was made the order of the day for this afternoon at half past 3 o'clock, to hear the propositions of these delegates.

Rev. Mr. Phelps of the Synod of Albany, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Synod then had a recess to meet at half past 3 o'clock, this afternoon.

*Half past 3 o'clock, P. M.*

Synod met. Present as this morning, together with Dr. George W. Glenn, of Aveleigh Church, Presbytery of South Carolina.

The Committee of Publication presented their report, to which a bill was annexed of seventy-five dollars for printing the Minutes of last year.

On motion, a Committee of Finance was appointed, consisting of G. H. W. Petrie and Joseph Bryan, to whom was referred the bill for publication and the Stated Clerk's salary, for which the Synod had to provide.

A joint letter from the Secretaries and Agents of the Assembly's Board of Domestic Missions, Foreign Missions, and Education, was received and read, and referred to a Committee consisting of J. S. Wilson, S. J. Cassels, and R. Chamberlain, to report upon the arrangements therein suggested.

A letter was received and read from the Synod of Alabama in answer to one addressed to them on the subject of our Theological Seminary.

The order of the day was then called for, (viz.) to hear the delegates from the Synods of Virginia and North Carolina, when Mr. Turner addressed the Synod, in relation to the union

of the Theological Seminaries under the care of these bodies. Mr. Atkinson then commenced his address when he gave way to a motion for a recess until half past 6 o'clock this evening, which prevailed.

*Half past 6 o'clock, P. M.*

Synod met. Present as above, together with Rev. W. B. Yates. Mr. Atkinson resumed and concluded his statements, when the statements of the delegates and the papers connected with it were referred to the Board of Directors of the Seminary with instructions to report.

It was made the order of the day for to-morrow after the Report of the Board of Missions, to hear a report of a Committee of Hopewell Presbytery, and of the Trustees of Oglethorpe University, proposing a transfer of that Institution to the care of Synod.

The Committee to whom were referred the proceedings of Charleston Union Presbytery, offered their report, which was accepted.

It was then moved to adopt the Report, but before the question was taken Synod adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at half past 9 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

*Saturday Morning, half past 9 o'clock.*

Synod met, and was opened with prayer.

On motion, the calling of the Roll was dispensed with.—Rev. Mr. Donnelly appeared in Synod and assigned satisfactory reasons for not being earlier present.

The order of the day, (viz.) to receive the Narratives and Statistical Reports of the Presbyteries, was called for, when on motion the Narratives of the Presbyteries were ordered to be committed to the Committee on the Narrative.

Narratives were received and so referred, from the Presbyteries of Harmony, Georgia, Bethel, and Flint River.

Statistical reports were received and read from the Presbyteries of Harmony, Bethel, Georgia, and Hopewell.

On motion, the Narrative and Statistical Report of Charleston Union Presbytery were ordered to be retained, until the Synod decide on the Report of the Committee to whom their proceedings were referred.

The Moderator referred to a standing order of Synod in relation to Reports on the instruction of the colored people—the number of colored members in our Churches, &c.—when, from the Presbytery of Harmony a written Report was presented. From the other Presbyteries there were verbal

reports showing that an increasing interest was taken in the subject.

The Presbytery of Harmony reported that they consist of 21 Ministers, and have under their care 28 Churches, 2 Licentiates, and 5 Candidates for the Ministry. That they have dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. A. G. Peden and the Church of Indiantown, and between Rev Dr. Witherspoon and the Church at Columbia. That they have organized a Church at Bishopville, and received under their care from the Presbytery of Fayetteville, the Churches of Great and Little Pedee. That they have licensed Mr. J. C. Brown, and dismissed him to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Logansport, Indiana ; and also licensed T. L. McBride, H. B. Cunningham, and J. R. Gilland. That they have dismissed Mr. McBride to put himself under the care of Charleston Union Presbytery. That they have dismissed the Rev. G. H. W. Petrie to join the Presbytery of Hopewell ; and that the name of the Rev. J. L. Bartlett was omitted from the roll, he having desired the dissolution of the connexion that he might join a New School Presbytery.

The Presbytery of Hopewell reported that they consist of 22 members, and have under their care 36 Churches, 2 Licentiates, and 3 Candidates for the Ministry—and that they have ordained Rev. Joseph Templeton, and licensed Mr. David Finley, as a Probationer for the Gospel Ministry ; and that the Rev. A. Egerton had departed this life.

The Presbytery of Bethel reported that they consist of 10 Ministers, and has under its care 19 Churches, one Licentiate, and one Candidate for the Ministry. That they have dismissed the Rev. J. H. Tornwell to join the Presbytery of Harmony. That they have dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. J. L. R. Davies and the Church of Catholic, and of the Rev. C. Johnston and the Church of Bethesda.

The Presbytery of Georgia reported that they consist of 10 Ministers and 10 Churches, and one Candidate for the Ministry. That they have deposed from the Ministry Mr James S. Olcott. That they have taken under their care a Presbyterian Church in Quincy, Florida ; and that they have dismissed the Rev. H. S. Pratt to unite with the Presbytery of Tuscaloosa.

The Presbytery of Flint River reported that they consist of 15 Ministers, and have under their care 4 Licentiates and 36 Churches, five of which have been organized since the last meeting of Synod. That they have ordained Stanhope W. Erwin and Richard T. Marks. That they have received Aaron H. Hand a Licentiate of New Brunswick Presbytery, and Rev. J. G. Likens from the Presbytery of South Alabama.

ma, and R. J. Montgomery from the late Union Presbytery. That they have dismissed Rev. W. K. Patton to join the Presbytery of South Alabama. That they have dissolved the pastoral relation of James H. Saye and the Church of McDonough, and dismissed him to join Bethel Presbytery; and that the Rev. W. B. Richards has left our connexion.

From the Presbytery of South Carolina there was no report.

The Committee on religious exercises this evening, presented their report, which, after amendment was adopted, and is as follows:—A hymn by the Moderator, reading the Scriptures and prayer by the Rev. F. Bowman, address by the Rev. Dr. McWhir, hymn by the Moderator, address by the Rev. S. J. Cassels, Prayer by Dr. Church, singing and Apostolical benediction by the Moderator.

The order of the day was then called for, viz. to hear the reports of the Board of Missions, when the report was read by Mr. Gildersleeve.

It was then moved that the Report be accepted, and that permission be granted to any of the members of the Synod to offer such remarks as were suggested by the importance of the subject, which was agreed to. Mr. Davis in making the motion, briefly addressed the Synod, and was followed by Mr. James, Mr. Winn, and Mr. Boggs, late a Missionary in India, Mr. Atkinson, Mr. Smyth, and Mr. Dana. The Report was then committed to a Committee to report resolutions to be submitted to Synod, consisting of Mr. Gilchrist, Mr. Smyth, and Mr. Mitchell.

The Moderator brought to the notice of the Synod that the term of service of the following Directors of the Seminary expires at this meeting, viz : *Ministers*—R. W. James, J. B. Davies, S. K. Talmage, H. S. Pratt, C. C. Jones, and A. Gilchrist. *Layman*—G. T. Snowden, J. Cumming, R. Cunningham, and T. R. Vardell.

On motion, each of the members was permitted to nominate, not exceeding the number to be elected; and the list of nominations were directed to be placed upon the door—and that it be made the order of the day for the election at 10 o'clock on Monday morning.

Otis Giles, Elder of the Church at Milledgeville, being present, took his seat as a member.

Mr. Dwight asked and obtained leave of absence after this evening.

A Committee to nominate members of the Southern Board, in place of those whose term of service expires at this meeting, was appointed, consisting of John W. Baker, W. H. Davis, and Dr. Glenn.

The next order of the day was taken up, which was to hear the report of a Committee of Hopewell Presbytery, and of the Trustees of Oglethorpe University, containing a proposal to place this University under the care of this Synod. The Report was read, and after some remarks from Mr. Talmage, Synod had a recess to meet at half past 3 o'clock this afternoon.

*Half past 3 o'clock, P. M.*

Synod met, and proceeded to the order of the day, which was the report of the Committee on the proceedings of Charleston Union Presbytery.

Rev. N. Hoyt, Rev. I. S. K. Axson, and Rev. H. Safford appeared, and offered satisfactory reasons for not coming sooner.

Dr. Glenn asked and obtained leave of absence after this evening.

Synod had a recess to meet at half past 6 o'clock.

*Half past 6 o'clock, P. M.*

Synod met, and proceeded to the order of the day, which consisted of the religious exercises appointed for this evening. These interesting services being closed, Synod took up again the proposition of Hopewell Presbytery, to commit Oglethorpe University to the Synod. A committee was then appointed to prepare and present resolutions for the consideration of Synod, touching the proposition aforesaid, on Monday morning, consisting of R. Chamberlain, Dr. Leland, and R. W. James.

Adjourned to meet on Monday morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

*Monday Morning, Dec. 2—9 o'clock.*

Synod met, and was opened with prayer. On motion the calling of the roll was dispensed with.

The minutes of Saturday were read.

The Committee of Bills and Overtures reported Overture Nos. 3 and 4, which were entered upon the docket.

Overture No. 5, was also reported, which was adopted, and is as follows, viz :

*Resolved*, That the Stated Clerk be directed at some convenient time, as soon as possible after the meeting of Synod, to publish in the Charleston Observer those items in the Minutes of Synod, which relate to any regulations or business to be attended to during the year by Presbyteries, Churches, and Church Sessions, for their assistance and direction. And

further, that the Clerk be directed to make out and publish, at the end of the minutes, a full and correct list of all the stated rules of Synod.

*Resolved*, That it is inexpedient at the present time for a division of the Synod to take place.

It was resolved that the next annual meeting of Synod be held on the last Thursday of November, 1840, at half past 6 o'clock, P. M., in the city of Augusta.

The order of the day was then taken up, which was the election of Directors in the Theological Seminary; and Mr. Gibert and Mr. Reid were appointed a Committee to receive the votes and declare the result.

The Committee appointed on the records of Harmony Presbytery reported, and recommended that they be approved to page 243, which was adopted.

The Committee on the records of South Carolina Presbytery reported that the records had not been sent to Synod; whereupon the Committee was discharged.

The Committee on the records of Flint River Presbytery reported, and recommended that the records be approved to page 164, which was adopted.

The Committee on the records of Georgia Presbytery reported recommending that they be approved, which was adopted.

It was reported to Synod that the Stated Clerk was about to remove from our bounds, and that he had failed to have the minutes sent for the examination of the General Assembly; whereupon Mr. Baird and Mr. Carter were appointed a Committee to nominate a Stated Clerk in his place.

The Committee on Finance offered their report, which was accepted; whereupon the same Committee was appointed to collect the sums due by each of the Presbyteries.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly presented their report, and the several items referred to were entered upon the docket.

That part of the report which relates to the semi-centennial celebration was then taken up and referred to a special Committee, consisting of Messrs. Wilson, Axson, and Mitchell.

A letter was received from the Rev. Dr. Witherspoon, assigning reasons for his absence, which were sustained.

Rev. Mr. Longstreet, President of Emory College, and Rev. Mr. Keys, of the Methodist Church, being present, were invited to seats in the Synod.

The Committee on the proposition of Oglethorpe University, offered the following report, viz:

"Whereas the Presbytery of Hopewell, and the Trustees of Oglethorpe University, have unitedly requested this Synod to take the University under its care, therefore,

*Resolved*, That their request be granted, and that the Institution is, and shall be considered fully and completely under the supervision of the Synod, after the passage of this resolution—and that all the Trustees and officers of the University shall be appointed upon the principles of its charter as granted by the Legislature of Georgia, and of the relation hitherto sustained to it by the Hopewell Presbytery."

The Report was accepted, discussed, and unanimously adopted; so that Oglethorpe University is now under the care of this Synod.

The Board of Directors of the Seminary, to whom was committed the letter of the Synod of Alabama, and the proposition of the delegates from the Synods of Virginia and North Carolina, offered their report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows:—

"The Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, to whom were committed the letter of the Synod of Alabama, and the propositions of the delegates from the Synods of Virginia and North Carolina, would report:

That they have paid as much attention to the subject as their limited time, and the pressing business of the Synod would permit. The communication from the Synod of Alabama exhibits in a strong and lucid manner the necessity of having a Southern Theological Institution of high order—amply endowed—in a suitable location, and under the instruction of men eminently fitted by their piety, soundness in the faith, prudence, talents, and acquirements, to prepare Candidates for the Ministry, for the work to which they are called by the Spirit and grace of God;—of having a literary institution, in its connexion or vicinity, also of high order, either under the auspices of the Church, or at least under such salutary influences that the members of our communion may safely commit to it the preparatory education of their sons. The delegates from the Synods of Virginia and North Carolina, having the same enlarged objects in view, have proposed, in order that they may be effected, a union of the Theological Seminary under the care of the Synods which they represent, and of the Theological Seminary under the care of this body. This Board heartily concur in the expression of views upon the general question. They listened with great pleasure, in common with the whole Synod, both to the letter and to the able addresses of the delegates upon the subject. We feel it indeed a privilege which we highly appreciate, that our sister Synods at the North of us, which have been long engaged in efforts to build up such an Institution as the wants of the Southern Churches demand, have sent us, as their representatives, upon this interesting occasion, brethren whom we know and love, and of whom it is confidently believed that they have no other object in view than the glory of God and the prosperity of Zion. The result of this embassy—even if the precise object in their view should not be obtained—cannot, will not be esteemed, either by them or by us, a failure. The interest which they have awakened in the cause will prove to us a permanent benefit; and we trust that to them and to the Synods which they represent, the reward will be given which accompanies singleness of purpose for the glory of God.

With reference to the proposition itself, so far as it is general, we perfectly agree. The union of the two Seminaries is, in our view, a consummation devoutly to be wished. There is only one obstacle in the way—and that is, to decide where the Institution shall be located. The proposition, however, settles that question. It makes it *indispensable* that our Institu-

tion should be merged into theirs in its existing location. As Christians we should be ready at all times to divest ourselves of all prejudice and local partialities—and to make any sacrifice of feeling, affection, and of interest, if it be clear that it will result in the glory of God and the good of his Church.

Let it then be freely admitted that Prince Edward, in Virginia, has all the advantages of society, of health, of facility of access, of position in relation to the four Synods, which the Reverend delegates have so ably presented, and that it would be far better that the Seminary at Columbia should be transferred to Hampden Sydney, than that the Union Seminary at Hampden Sydney should be transferred to Columbia—there are difficulties still in the way. We may go further and say that if the Seminary at Columbia could be sold for all and more than it cost, and that the avails, and all the funds, and Library, and Professors, could be brought into Union Seminary, without a fraction of loss—and that, on the other hand, the transfer of Union Seminary to Columbia, would be at immense sacrifice of the property which it now holds, the difficulties alluded to would stand in their full force. The lamp which throws light upon this conclusion is the lamp of experience. And this experience shows that it would be disastrous to change the location. It would be doing violence to affections which enter deeply into the hearts of our people—and years and years would roll away before the wound thus inflicted would be healed. It is human nature to be attracted by that which is near. And the very establishment of this Seminary has been the direct means of bringing into the Ministry twice the number that would have entered it, had they been left without this Institution in their vicinity to awaken their attention to the subject. But remove it five or six hundred miles off, and it is to be feared that the result would be disastrous.

Our Seminary has a local habitation and a name. It has two Professors and funds that would be sufficient to sustain them, but for a comparatively small debt which we owe for the building. And the chief of these funds have been collected within the last twelve years. And now, if the two propositions were made to our Ministers, our Elders, and our Churches—which would you prefer—to have these Professorships and all that pertains to the Seminary, removed, according to the proposals offered—or to raise an equal amount for the enlargement of the buildings, and for the endowment of other Professorships—and they would at once say, give us the latter—here is our silver and our gold. But silver and gold cannot make an atonement for the loss which we should sustain by such a transfer. The moral influence—the influence upon our Churches which now flows out from this Institution, cannot be purchased. Now it only needs the same energy for twelve years to come, which has been expended for twelve years past, to make the Seminary at Columbia a second Princeton.

If the current that leads to Seminaries be Northward, a glance at our Western and South Western territory, to the Gulf of Mexico, to Texas, to the Colorado, will show that there is ample space for the operation of such an Institution as our Seminary is designed to be, and such as by the blessing of God we are capable of making it. But the tendency of Students is also Southward to avoid the rigors of Northern winters; and if Columbia had only the advantages of Princeton, in point of name and numbers of able Professors, it might even now be the Princeton of the South. If Alabama, and Mississippi, and Louisiana, will but come up to our aid—and we believe they will, if each of the South Western Synods will found a Professorship in this Institution, and let the subject be properly exhibited before them, and they will see it, we think, their privilege thus to co-operate—we may make Columbia what the letter from the Synod of Alabama considers the great object to be obtained. We may have our Institution established

upon a broad basis, with able Professors in all the departments of Theological study.

The Board are under the impression that if the current from the South and South Western States be North, the facilities of reaching Princeton are as great as of reaching Prince Edward. And if our Institution should be transferred to Prince Edward, our Students would most generally leave Prince Edward, some sixty or eighty miles to the West, and follow the current of travel direct to Princeton—the great centre of attraction, situated between two cities, the great centres of trade for the West and the South.

The Board deeply regret that their limited time will not suffer them to take a full view of the entire subject, and they hope that nothing which they have said will be construed into a disparagement of the claims of Prince Edward. We feel a cordial affection for that Institution; and if they could join us we should rejoice. We venerate the memory of names high in favor with God and man, which have been identified with that locality, and we regard the feelings of those who still cherish it with hallowed affection. It is, in one sense, holy ground. And may God grant that many more such as Samuel Stanhope Smith, Dr. Hoge, Conrad Speece, and John H. Rice, among the dead, and Drs. Alexander and Baxter, among the living, may rise up in that region, and prove as bright and burning lights to the present and coming generations.

The Board would suggest that a Committee, consisting of Dr. Howe, Dr. Leland, and Professor Thornwell, be appointed to correspond still with the Synod of Alabama; and that a communication also be sent to the Synods of North Carolina and Virginia, respectfully inviting them to consider whether it be not expedient for them to remove the condition which their beloved delegates have regarded indispensable, and unite with us in the enterprise upon which we have embarked."

The Committee to nominate a Stated Clerk, presented their report, which was accepted.

Another nomination was offered, when it was made the order of the day, for the election this afternoon.

Synod had a recess to meet at half past 3 o'clock this afternoon.

*Half past 3 o'clock, P. M.*

Synod met. The Committee on the minutes of Bethel Presbytery reported, recommending that they be approved, which was adopted.

Synod proceeded to the election of a Stated Clerk, and Messrs. McQueen and Patterson were appointed a Committee to collect the ballots, and declare the result.

The Committee to whom were referred the joint letter of the Secretaries of the Boards of the Church, submitted the following report which was adopted, viz :

That they deem it inexpedient to make the proposed arrangement, but would leave it to the Agents of the several Boards to visit the Churches in our several Presbyteries when in their judgment it shall seem most proper.

The Committee to receive and count the votes for Directors of the Seminary, for the three ensuing years, reported the following members as elected. viz .

*Ministers*—R. W. James, J. B. Davies, C. C. Jones, I. S. K. Axson, S. K. Talmage, A. N. Cunningham.

*Laymen*—G. T. Snowden, Col. W. K. Clowney, Hugh Wilson, (of Wadmalaw,) Dr. P. F. Eve.

The Committee to receive and count the votes for Stated Clerk, reported that the Rev. B. Gildersleeve was duly elected.

The salary of the Stated Clerk was fixed at fifty dollars.

On motion, Overture No. 4, was taken up and adopted, and is as follows, viz:

"Whereas great confusion and laxity is occasioned by the irregular removal of members of our Churches without their bounds, or withdrawal from attendance upon their ministrations—And whereas the General Assembly has limited the validity of any certificate of Church membership to the term of a single year, and have thus instructed us that the absence of a member of any Church from within its boundary or supervision, for the space of a single year, is sufficient ground for questioning and examining into the fitness of such an individual for continued communion in such Church—And whereas, by the By-Laws of several of our Churches, different provisions are made on this head, therefore,

*Resolved*, That it be, from this time, recommended as a rule of action, in this case, to the Churches under our care, that the name of any individual who has absented him or herself from the services of the Church for the space of one year, or has removed from within its bounds, without taking a dismission, and been absent for that length of time, shall be stricken from the roll of members: nor shall such individuals be re-admitted to the privileges of membership without giving satisfaction to the Session of said Church, nor shall a certificate of dismission to any other Church be granted to such individual after their names are thus stricken from the roll—Provided, nevertheless, that nothing in this rule shall be considered as applicable to those who may be absent from the bounds of said Church, on necessary and temporary business."

The report of the Committee on the proceedings of Charleston Union Presbytery, were again taken up; but before the question was taken, Synod had a recess to meet at half past 6 o'clock.

*Half past 6 o'clock, P. M.*

Synod met, and took up the unfinished business, viz: the proceedings of Charleston Union Presbytery—when, after discussion, it was referred to the same Committee, with instructions to retire and amend their report.

The Committee on the records of Hopewell Presbytery presented their report, recommending that they be approved, which was adopted.

The Committee to whom was recommitted the report on the proceedings of Charleston Union Presbytery, presented their amended report, which was adopted by ayes and nays, (the Presbytery of Charleston Union being excluded from a vote on the question, as they were the interested party,) and is as follows, viz :

"The Committee to whom was referred the minutes of Charleston Union Presbytery, so far as it relates to the two bodies, each claiming to be the Presbytery, have had the book of one of these bodies, and printed and other statements from each, and after examining the subject, as they hope, calmly and prayerfully, beg leave to make the following report :

"Whereas the General Assembly of 1838, did enjoin upon all the Presbyteries to take order upon the subject of adherence to the Presbyterian Church of the United States, upon the basis of the Assemblies of 1837 and 1838, expressly declaring that in case the majority of any Presbytery shall decline or fail to adhere to the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, upon the said basis of 1837-1838, for the reform of the Church, then and in that case the minority of said Presbytery shall be held and declared to be the true Presbytery. &c. And whereas this Synod, at its last meeting, adopted the following resolution, viz : That Synod "concur with the General Assembly in carrying out the reform of the Church upon the basis of 1837-1838 ; that inquiries be, now made of the Presbyteries whether any, and if any, what action had been had by the bodies on that subject ; and that if any Presbytery be found delinquent they be directed at the earliest practicable period to attend to this matter." And whereas a portion of Charleston Union Presbytery, as constituted at the last meeting of Synod, have never acknowledged their adherence to the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, upon the basis of the Act of the Assemblies of 1837 and 1838—therefore, the Committee recommend to Synod the adoption of the following resolutions :

"Resolved, That the body which was represented in the last General Assembly be considered the true Charleston Union Presbytery—that the remaining members of the Charleston Union Presbytery, as constituted at the last meeting of Synod, are not considered as the Presbytery—not because they have not fully approved the Acts of the Assemblies of 1837 and 1838, but because they have not, in Presbytery, expressed their adherence to the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, upon the basis of these Acts.

*"Resolved,* That the Charleston Union Presbytery, as acknowledged in the above resolution, be directed to receive any of the members of Charleston Union Presbytery, as constituted at the last meeting of Synod, members of their body, provided they are willing, at its next meeting, to express their adherence upon the basis of 1837 and 1838."

*Ayes*—Ministers: Ketchum, W. H. Davis, Martin, Gibert, Church, S. S. Davis, Talmage, Bowman, Safford, Bearly, Howe, English, Reid, Axson, Jones, McQueen, Petrie, Donnelly, Baird, Winn, Davies, Douglass, Wilson, Cassels, Chamberlain, Patterson, Montgomery. Elders: Leslie, Harris, Eve, Mitchell, Cunningham, Bryan, Law, Wilson, Aiken, Poag.—36.

*Nays*—Ministers: Howard, Carter, Goulding, Cunningham, Templeton, Erwin.—6.

On motion, Professor Howe, Dr. Leland, Mr. Cunningham, and Mr. Cassels were appointed a Committee to confer with those who were particularly affected by the decision just made, and to see how far a reconciliation can be effected.

Synod then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at half past 9 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

*Tuesday Morning, half past 9 o'clock.*

Synod met according to adjournment. Opened with prayer. The calling of the roll was dispensed with. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Committee on nomination for the Southern Board, reported the following persons, viz:

*Ministers*.—Rev. Dr. Goulding, J. C. Patterson, B. Gildersleeve, C. W. Martin.

*Elders*.—E. A. Nisbet, Dr. P. F. Eve, David Leslie, Gen. J. N. Whitner.

The Committee on the history of the Church, made a report, which was accepted and adopted.

On motion, *Resolved*, That J. S. Wilson, Chairman of the Committee on the History of the Church, be allowed the privilege of examining the records of Synod, to complete his materials for the history of the Church.

The subject of Domestic Missions was taken up, whereupon it was

*Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to take up this whole matter, and report at the next meeting of Synod, some plan of organization.

Mr. J. S. Wilson, Mr. Hoyt, and Mr. W. L. Mitchell, were appointed to this business.

As the Oglethorpe University is now under the care of this Synod, it is proper that an inquiry should be immediately instituted as to its state and condition. Therefore,

*Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to inquire and report the names of the Trustees and of the Prudential Committee, and the names also of the Faculty of the Institution; for how long a time the existing Trustees hold their appointment, and whether there are any vacancies to be supplied in the Board, or any elections upon which Synod should enter.

The Committee consist of Messrs. Talmage, Chamberlain, and Cassels.

The minutes of Charleston Union Presbytery were committed to Mr. Bearly and S. S. Davis for examination.

The Presbytery of Charleston Union reported, that they consist of eleven Ministers, who have expressed their adherence to the Church on the basis of the Assemblies of 1837 and 1838, viz:—Dr. Leland, Dr. W. A. McDowell, B. Gildersleeve, J. Wallace, A. Buist, J. B. Van Dyck, A. Gilchrist, G. W. Boggs, T. Smyth, D. J. Auld, and J. Jewers, and have five Churches under their care, viz:—2d Presbyterian Church, Charleston; Walterboro', Beech Island, Salt Catcher, John's Island and Wadmalaw; and have also under their care one Candidate for the Ministry; that during the year they have ordained the Rev. D. J. Auld, and recently dismissed him to join the Presbytery of Harmony; and that they have also dismissed the Rev. J. Lewers to join the Presbytery of South Carolina, and have received under their care Mr. T. L. McBride, a Licentiate of the Presbytery of Harmony, and have heard of the death of Rev. J. A. Mitchell who deplanted this life at Singapore, China.

The Committee on the semi-centenary celebration of our Church, to whom were re-committed the report which they introduced last evening, reported the following resolutions, which were adopted:

1. *Resolved*, That as to the time of observing said celebration this Synod recommend to the Ministers and Churches in its connexion to observe the second Sabbath of this instant, and where the same cannot be attended to on that day, then on any Sabbath during the remainder of the year, provided that where any Presbytery has taken action on this subject, as to the time of said celebration, such time be recognized as proper by this Synod.

2. *Resolved*, That it be enjoined upon all the Ministers and Church Sessions in our bounds, to take suitable measures for obtaining the thank-offerings of the Church in commemoration of this ecclesiastical jubilee, so that every member of the Presbyterian Church in our bounds may have an opportunity,

personally, of contributing to any of the benevolent objects of the Church—each member having the privilege of designating the specific object to be promoted by his or her donation.

3. *Resolved*, That as a prominent object in which the whole Presbyterian Church is deeply interested, the Synod strongly recommend the Board of Publication of our Church, for its charities, on that interesting occasion.

4. *Resolved*, That all our Ministers upon the day of said celebration, if practicable, give their several Churches and Congregations a succinct account of the history of our Church for the last fifty years, showing its trials, its deliverances, and its present state.

5. *Resolved*, That the several Presbyteries be required to ascertain, at their Spring Sessions, what has been done in their respective Churches, and present, in a consolidated form a report of the amount contributed in each Presbytery, so that the Synod may know what has been done in our bounds.

The Committee on the Oglethorpe University presented their Report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows, viz :

"*Resolved*, 1st. That a Committee of three be appointed to confer with the Board of Trustees of Oglethorpe University, for the purpose of inquiring if any, and if any, what alterations may be judiciously made in the detail of the mode of management of the University, which alterations shall not interfere with the general principles of the connection of the Institution with the Church. It shall also be the duty of this Committee to prepare for permanent record on the minutes of the Synod the precise form of connection existing between the Synod and the University, and the fundamental principle of its government. This Committee shall also be instructed to unite with the Board of Trustees in recommending to the Synod the election of any additional member or members of the Faculty that the funds or circumstances of the University may justify or demand.

*Resolved*, 2d. That this Synod cordially recommend the University to the patronage and confidence of the Churches and their members.

*Resolved*, 3d. That a Committee of two be appointed to procure from the minutes of Hopewell Presbytery the fundamental principles upon which the University is based, together with such extracts from the report of the Prudential Committee as relate to the argument and appeal in behalf of a College under the care of the Church; and any other matters from the act of incorporation, or any other source which will present the object in its true light before the public.

*Resolved*, 4th. That as the time of election of each successive third of the Board of Trustees was fixed at the Spring sessions of Hopewell Presbytery, the Synod continue the appointment of the whole of the present Board until the meeting of the Synod next year; at which time, hereafter, the election of one third of the Board shall take place, unless the Synod shall deem it expedient hereafter to alter the time and mode of election of the Board.

*Resolved*, 5th. That in case the Synod shall send a Delegate to the Synod of Alabama, in behalf of the Theological Seminary, the same be appointed to present and urge the claims of this institution before the Synod.

#### MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, APRIL 1839.

##### *For Three Years.*

*Ministers*.—T. Goulding, D. D., N. A. Pratt, J. W. Baker.

*Laymen*.—M. Grieve, I. S. Thomas, R. J. Nichols, I. S. Harris, S. B. King.

##### *For Two Years.*

*Ministers*.—F. Bowman, A. N. Cunningham, J. S. Wilson.

*Laymen*.—R. K. Hines, S. Rockwell, S. Dowse, T. Fort, D. C. Campbell.

##### *For One Year.*

*Ministers*.—S. S. Davis, R. Chamberlain, S. J. Cassels.

*Laymen*.—J. H. Lumpkin, W. W. Holt, Washington Poë, E. A. Nisbet, William Law.

#### FACULTY.

Rev. C. P. Beman, *President and Professor of Chemistry and Natural Philosophy*.

Rev. S. K. Talmage, *Professor of Mental and Moral Philosophy, Rhetoric, and Evidences of Christianity*.

R. M. Crawford, *Professor of Mathematics and Astronomy*.

O. B. Arnold, *Teacher of Ancient Languages*.

R. H. Ramsay, *Rector of Academy and ex officio member of Faculty*.

*Prudential Committee*.—R. J. Nichols, M. Grieve, S. Rockwell, T. Fort, I. S. Harris."

The Committee appointed under the first resolution, are Dr. Leland, Mr. James, and Mr. Smyth.

The Committee under the second resolution are Mr. Talmage and Mr. Bowman.

The Committee appointed to confer with those members of Charleston Union Presbytery who were excluded from a seat in the Synod by the vote of last evening, reported, that at the commencement of the interview the following paper was put into their hands, as their ultimatum, and that, of course, nothing could be effected, viz:

"The undersigned, members of the Charleston Union Presbytery, in relation to whom a Committee of conference has been appointed by the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia, desire distinctly to inform the Synod, that the recognition of the Presbytery of which they are members, as the Charleston Union Presbytery, is the only basis on which they can receive any overtures from the Synod.

WILLIAM C. DANA,  
WILLIAM B. YATES,  
THOMAS MAGRUDER.

*Augusta, Dec. 3, 1839.*"

The Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Synodical Committee of Education, offered their Report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows, viz:

1. That the Report of the Committee of Education be approved, and that the same Committee be entrusted with this important and arduous work another year.

2. That Synod appoint one or more Ministers from each Presbytery within its bounds to correspond and co-operate with the Committee of Education.

3. That it be earnestly recommended to the Pastors and members of our Churches, that prayer be made to God continually, that he would pour out his spirit on the hearts of our young men, and prepare multitudes of them to serve him in the Ministry of reconciliation.

4. That it be enjoined upon our Pastors and Elders, to look out in our Churches, for young men of suitable talents and piety, who may be educated under the care, and by the assistance of the Church, for the work of the Gospel Ministry—to converse and pray with such young men on the subject; and to endeavor by every means to induce them to qualify themselves for becoming the ambassadors of Christ to their perishing fellow men.

5. That it be further enjoined upon the Presbyteries to adopt the plan of the Assembly's Board of Education which has been published; so far as to examine and recommend all candidates for pecuniary assistance who may reside within their bounds, that they require a pledge of each Beneficiary that he will not suspend his studies, and especially after having entered upon his Theological studies, that he will not suspend them, except by the formal consent of his Presbytery, and that

they continue to exercise over such candidates, while in the course of education, such care and supervision as may be necessary.

6. That the Committee of Education correspond with the Secretary and General Agent of the Assembly's Board in regard to an Agent to be employed in this field, and if possible secure for a portion of the year the services of an able and efficient man."

The following individuals are the Synodical Committee of Education, viz :—Dr. Leland, Dr. Howe, Mr. Thornwell, G. T. Snowden, J. S. Scott, W. Law, T. Wells, D. Ewart, and Mr. Martin.

The Committee on Correspondence, with the Synodical Education Committee, consists of Rev. C. W. Martin, Dr. Church, S. K. Talmage, S. S. Davis, T. Smyth, J. B. Davies, C. C. Jones, J. C. Patterson, S. J. Cassels, and Dr. Goulding.

The Committee to whom were referred applications from Bethel Presbytery and Charleston Union Presbytery, to change their boundary lines, reported, and after some discussion on the motion to adopt the Report, Synod had a recess to meet at half past 3 o'clock.

Half past 3 o'clock, P. M.

Synod met. The Committee to collect the assessment for printing the Minutes, and for the Stated Clerk's salary, reported, that they had arranged the business to the satisfaction of the Stated Clerk, leaving unpaid fifteen dollars for Charleston Union Presbytery, and fifteen for Hopewell Presbytery.—Their Report was accepted.

Mr. Goulding, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Martin, Mr. James, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Chamberlain, and Mr. Carter, obtained leave of absence.

On motion, it was agreed to spend a portion of this evening, in connexion with the Congregation, in religious services.

The Committee on the Narrative, offered their Report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows, viz :

#### NARRATIVE

*Of the State of Religion within the bounds of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia.*

The Committee on the Narrative would present the following as their Report :—

The inquiry which our annual Narrative is designed to answer, is one of great importance and of deep interest. What is the state of religion within our bounds? Is it prospering, or pining away? Does it advance, or go backwards? Is its hallowing influence more and more felt by us—by the members of our Churches—and by the thousands of fellow men among whom we labor—weaning them and us from the world, delivering us from

the power and practice of sin; and preparing us for heaven—or overwhelmed by the waters of strife, and choked by the cares of the world, has it retired, leaving many with its mere form, and those without the pale of the Church, unsanctified, unconverted, unsaved?

These are questions, all of them parts of the main question—which it is desirable that the Narrative should correctly answer. As in the case of personal piety, it is necessary for each one, in order to grow in grace, to enter into his own heart and examine it carefully; so is it necessary for those who are laboring to advance the work of the Lord, in any given portion of the great vineyard, frequently to survey their field, and to ascertain the condition of its every part. It is important that the survey be carefully taken, and a correct report be made. Should the state of religion be represented more favorably than it really is, there is danger that carnal security will be encouraged—a false and groundless joy will be excited, and that no deep sense of the necessity of increased effort for the promotion of the cause of Christ will be produced. On the other hand, should an unfavorable report be published, there is also danger that undue discouragement will be the result, and that we will fail of that gladness of soul which a contemplation of Zion's prosperity is so well calculated to excite in the bosom of those who love the Redeemer. But important as it is to exhibit a correct representation of the state of religion within our bounds, situated as we are, it is exceedingly difficult to do so. Some of the Presbyteries have failed to send up written Narratives; and the reports which have been sent up, are, for the most part, very meagre; and, as we think, come far short of presenting a full picture of the state of things within our bounds, as connected with religion. These facts, under ordinary circumstances, may be regarded as a dark sign, and when they habitually exist, may be safely taken as a certain evidence of a declension in vital piety within our bounds; or, at any rate that religion is not in a flourishing, advancing condition.

By referring to the Narrative of last year, it will be found that the Committee which drew it up, complained of the extreme scantiness of the material furnished by the Presbyteries, out of which to make a report; and by a reference to the narratives of the Presbyteries, it will be seen that the Presbyteries have uttered the same complaint against the Churches. We repeat it, it is a dark sign. Were the Churches all alive in the service of Christ—were they enjoying the effusions of the Holy Spirit—were their numbers increasing—were religion the all-absorbing matter, and the spread of the Gospel, and the conversion of the world, the great work to which they felt themselves consecrated—the Presbyteries, from meeting to meeting, and from year to year, would hear the pious solicitation, come ye that fear the Lord, and we will joyfully rehearse what God hath done for us.—And were all things as they should be in our Presbyteries, influenced by the same spirit, they would publish to the Synod that the Lord had done great things for them and their Churches, whereof they are glad. But what are some of the more prominent facts indicative of the state of religion, which may be gleaned from the reports sent up from our Presbyteries?

From Harmony the complaint comes up, that it is not their privilege to record many special blessings enjoyed the past year; and that the additions to their Churches have been barely sufficient to supply the vacancies occasioned by death and emigration. Yet they have enjoyed the ordinary mercies of God's covenanted people. Their Churches have begun to appreciate, in some sort, as they should, the advantages of a settled Ministry; that most of them, as regularly as the Sabbath returns, enjoy the ministration of the Word and ordinances.

From Bethel, we hear the more bitter and affecting complaint, that formality, lukewarmness, and the spirit of the world extensively prevail in their Churches, and are exerting a desolating influence. They say the

spirit of strife is indulged, and contentions have taken place, producing division in some of their congregations. They speak too, of vacancies and destitutions; and with sorrow record the melancholy fact, that some of their largest Churches, which have long enjoyed the stated ordinances of the Sanctuary, have been deprived of their Pastors, have had their candlesticks removed. While we are well persuaded, that if a full report had been made, some things would have been stated to remove this painful picture—yet may it not be asked, if such be the state of things within the pale of the Churches, what must be the melancholy condition of those that are without? And do they present no cheering fact to indicate a better state of things? Nothing save, that without any special revival, a number greater than usual has been added to two or three of their Churches.

From Georgia Presbytery we have received a more cheering report.—They say the truths of the Gospel have been faithfully preached, and, in many cases, with the happiest results. The benevolent operations of the day have been sustained. The instruction of the children has been diligently attended to; and that an increasing interest is felt in regard to the moral condition of the coloured population.

From Flint River Presbytery also, the report is, upon the whole, of a cheering character. It is said that in nearly every part of the Presbytery an increasing attention is paid to the means of grace by the congregations: and that a number of them have enjoyed precious revivals of the work of the Lord; that important additions have been made to them, and that in some of them an unusual interest on the subject of religion still prevails. They declare it to be their conviction that the cause of Christ as connected with the Presbyterian Church, is gradually advancing within their bounds.—That Bible Classes, Catechetical instruction of the children, and the instruction of the Blacks, are faithfully attended to in most of their Churches, and with consequences gratifying to all friendly to the spread of religious knowledge. They speak with encouragement in reference to the literary institution under their care—and affirm that they have abundant reasons to prosecute this favored enterprize with renewed zeal. But their complaint is, much ground remains yet to be possessed—the laborers are few—many of their churches are almost destitute, and some of them entirely so, and are craving the bread of life.

From Hopewell we had no written report, but have learned that in this Presbytery, here and there, the people of God have enjoyed seasons of refreshing—and that some considerable additions have been made to the Churches.

From Charleston Union Presbytery, in consequence of their peculiar situation, no report has been presented—but we are led to believe that, within their bounds, usual attention has been paid to the means of grace, and accustomed support has been given to the benevolent operations of the day.

In the bounds of South Carolina Presbytery, we understand some two or three Churches have been revived—and that the attendance upon the preached word has been encouraging. But they mention as causes of deep regret the desecration of the holy Sabbath—the neglect of family worship—and the fact still more melancholy (if possible) that some members of our Churches are still engaged in the melancholy, ruinous traffic in ardent spirit—Tell it not in Gath; publish it not in Askelon.

But to bring this Narrative to a close—we would remark, that while the facts reported will justify the conclusion that in some respects there has been an improvement in the state of our Churches—in their regular attendance upon the house of God—in their attention to Bible Class and Sabbath School instruction—in their introduction of the Catechism into their schools and families more extensively—and in the efforts to ameliorate the moral

condition of their servants—and in the uniform and systematic aid which they lend to the benevolent operations of the day; yet in all these things how slow is it to perceive that they are far from being and doing as they ought; and how many appalling evidences rise up before us, that we are doing little, very little, compared with what ought to be done. Thousands within our bounds, and within the compass of our congregations, are in the gall of bitterness—Thousands are seeking the world as their portion—Thousands are the victims of intemperance!—Thousands profane the Sabbath, and the name of the Lord—Thousands hear not the preached Gospel of Salvation—Thousands are growing up in ignorance—Thousands and tens of thousands throng the broad and beaten road to ruin! And yet how few and feeble the efforts to save souls! How few are in a state of preparation to go forth as the Ministers of the Gospel, to preach the truth to the multitudes which are perishing for lack of vision! How many of those already in the Ministry, are crippled in their efforts, by secular engagements; and how many employ much of their time in biting and devouring one another! Brethren, these things call loudly for repentance. Let us then take with us words and return unto the Lord—and say unto Him, take away all iniquity, receive us graciously, and love us freely—so shall we render unto him the calves of our lips.

Synod resumed the unfinished business of the morning, when it was

*Resolved*, That the District of Richland be set off from the Harmony Presbytery, and added to the Charleston Union Presbytery.

*Resolved*, That the name of the last mentioned Presbytery be changed to that of the PRESBYTERY OF CHARLESTON.

Synod took up the report of the Committee on the minutes of the General Assembly, when the rules adopted by the General Assembly were also adopted by the Synod:

"RULE 13. Motions to lay on the table, to take up business, and to adjourn, and the call for the previous question, shall be put without debate. On questions of order, postponement, or commitment, no member shall speak more than once. On all other questions each member may speak twice, but not oftener, without leave of the judicatory.

RULE 14. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, unless to adjourn, to lie on the table, to postpone indefinitely, to postpone to a day certain, to commit, or to amend; which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are herein arranged, and the motion for adjournment shall always be in order."

The Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary offered their report, which was accepted and approved.

Whereas arrangements were made by the Harmony Presbytery for the installment of Mr. Thornwell over the Church at Columbia, now in the bounds of the Presbytery of Charleston, therefore,

*Resolved*, That the Presbytery of Charleston be directed to take order for his installation on the day appointed for that purpose, viz. on the first Sabbath of January 1840.

Overture No. 3, was taken up and adopted, and is as follows, viz:—

At a meeting of the Presbytery of Harmony at Salem; Little River, April 4, 1839, the following minute was adopted:

“Believing it important to the interests of our Southern Church, that our Theological Seminary be placed on a permanent basis—

*Resolved*, That this Presbytery do request our Synod to take into consideration the propriety of inviting the Synod of Alabama to unite with the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia in sustaining the Institution; and that the Synod be respectfully requested to appoint a delegate to meet the Synod of Alabama, and lay the matter before that body.”

The Rev. J. H. Thornwell was appointed the delegate to the Synod of Alabama, and the Rev. Dr. Howe his alternate.

Rev. Dr. McWhir made a statement to the Synod of his labors at Mandarin, Black Creek, and other portions of Florida, and of the prospect of benefitting that people by furnishing them the ministrations of the Gospel.

Whereupon the Moderator was requested to prepare a letter expressive of the sense of Synod, in relation to that portion of the vineyard to be cultivated, urging perseverance in the good cause, and promising all the aid which the Synod can render.

The Committee on the History of the Church, presented their report, which was adopted, and is as follows, viz:

“During the past year many valuable documents touching the History of the Churches, have been collected. The materials for the history of Bethel Presbytery, are as complete as could be expected under present circumstances—many very interesting facts have been obtained in relation to the Churches within the other Presbyteries. To the Rev. John B. Davies, Stated Clerk of Bethel Presbytery, we are indebted for its history, together with other papers furnishing some account of the Churches in the State of South Carolina. If some person in each Presbytery, well acquainted with the Church, would undertake to furnish a general history of the Presbytery, together with a history of the individual Churches, they would greatly promote the early accomplishment of this most desirable object. It has been repeated again and again that whatever is done in this business must be done quickly. Much of the needed information is descending every year into the tomb, with the aged amongst us in whose memories it is deposited.

The Committee would therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

*Resolved*, That it be earnestly enjoined upon each Church Session from which no account of its origin &c. has been

received, to appoint some suitable individual to collect and prepare as accurate an account of the Church as they may be able, and as speedily as possible, to forward the same to the Chairman of the Committee at Lawrenceville, Georgia."

The Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Board of Foreign Missions, offered their Report, which was accepted, and adopted, and is as follows, viz :

"*Resolved*, That this Synod have heard with great satisfaction, the report which has been made by the Board of Missions under their care.

"*Resolved*, That we regard the Church as a great Missionary Society, both in its nature and constitution, and as bound by the command of its Head, never to cease its exertions, through the bodies which compose its government, and through its individual members, until the offers of the Gospel are made to every creature.

*Resolved*, That we, as a Synod, and as Ministers and office-bearers in the Church, during the coming year, use every means in our power, in accordance with the spirit of the report of the Board, to avert that scepticism respecting the final condition of the heathen, and those erroneous views respecting the sovereignty of God, which we regard as the main causes of that indifference and opposition to the cause of Foreign Missions, with which too many in communion with the Christian Church are justly chargeable ; and regarding the spirit of Missions as one of devoted piety, will endeavor to experience the influences of the Spirit upon our own hearts, and to exhibit its fruits, that during the coming year our efforts in this great cause shall be doubled. That by extending information respecting the wants of the field to be cultivated, and inducing by our example, and urging by our free sacrifice of time and pecuniary means, we will, in reliance upon God, fulfil in spirit, if not in letter, the command of our ascended Lord, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."

Synod had a recess to meet after public worship this evening.

*Half past 8 o'clock, P. M.*

Synod met. Rev. Drs. Leland and Howe were appointed a Committee to correspond with the Synods of Virginia and North Carolina, on the subject recommended by the Report of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary.

To the question whether a Presbytery could call a meeting out of its own bounds, which had been submitted to the Synod, an affirmative answer was given.

The Minutes were read and approved.

On motion the calling of the roll was dispensed with.

The thanks of the Synod were tendered to the citizens of Augusta for their hospitality to the members of this body during its present sessions.

The Stated Clerk and Rev. Mr. Smyth were appointed a Committee of Publication, with instructions to have published in the usual form 500 copies of the Minutes of Synod.

Synod then adjourned to meet in the city of Augusta, on the last Thursday in November 1840, at half past 6 o'clock, P. M.

Concluded with singing, prayer, and the benediction.

GEORGE HOWE, *Moderator.*

B. GILDERSLEEVE, *Stated Clerk.*

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## SYNOD

### OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND GEORGIA.

AUGUSTA, Ga, Nov. 26th, 1840. }  
    ½ past 6 o'clock, P. M.     }

The Synod of South Carolina and Georgia met according to adjournment, and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator, the Rev. Geo. Howe, D. D., from 1 Tim. 3d, 15th: "That, thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the Church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth."

Constituted with prayer.

#### PRESENT.

*From the Presbytery of South Carolina.*

*Ministers*—D. Humphrys, E. T. Buist, E. Cater, Wm. H. Davis, John McKittrick.

*Elders*—James Gillan, of Rocky Creek Church; George Boozer, Smyrna do.; A. O. Norris, Anderson C. H. do.; S. N. Evans, Nazareth, do.

*From the Presbytery of Hopewell.*

*Ministers*—Nathan Hoyt, S. S. Davis, A. Church, D. D., S. K. Talmage, F. Bowman, H. Safford, A. N. Cunningham, J. W. Baker, G. H. W. Petrie.

*Elders*—W. Dearing, Athens Ch.; Wm. Shear, Augusta do.; Dr. D. McJunkin, Salem do.; Miles G. Harris, Mt. Zion do.; B. King, Roswell do.

*From the Presbytery of Harmony.*

*Ministers*—T. R. English, W. M. Reid, R. C. Ketchum, D. McQueen, S. Donelly, J. Brown, J. C. Coit, P. Pearson, D. J. Auld, M. Peden, H. B. Cunningham.

*Elders*—John Douglas, Lebanon Church; W. E. James, Darlington do.; A. White, Sunterville do.; J. T. James, Harmony do.

*From the Presbytery of Charleston.*

*Ministers*—A. W. Leland, D. D., W. A. McDowell, D. D., George Howe, D. D., B. Gildersleeve T. Smyth, J. H. Thornwell.

*Elders*—David Ardis, Beech Island Church; J. Martin, Columbia Church.

*From the Presbytery of Georgia.*

*Ministers*—W. Baird, John Winn.

*Elders*—None.

*From the Presbytery of Flint River.*

*Ministers*—J. C. Patterson, J. S. Wilson, M. Dickson, R. Chamberlain, S. J. Cassels.

*Elders*—None.

*From the Presbytery of Bethel.*

*Ministers*—J. B. Davies, J. Douglass, P. E. Bishop, S. B. O. Wilson, A. H. Caldwell.

*Elders*—A. Crawford, Fishing Creek Church, A. Hindman, Concord do.; Wm. Wiley, Catholic do.

ABSENT.

*Presbytery of South Carolina.*

M. Waddel, D. D., W. H. Barr, D. D., H. Dickson, J. B. Kennedy, A. W. Ross, J. L. Kennedy, W. H. Harris, S. B. Lewers, C. W. Martin, J. F. Gibert, J. Lewers.

*Presbytery of Hopewell.*

E. Pharr, F. R. Goulding, C. W. Howard, T. M. Dwight, H. C. Carter, C. P. Beman, J. W. Reid, J. Harrison, J. H. George, R. Hooker, J. Gamble, Wm. Quillen, J. Warnock, J. Templeton, P. F. Phelps, J. Phelps, M. Freeman.

*Presbytery of Harmony.*

R. W. James, W. Bearly, R. W. Bailey, A. G. Peden, R. B. Campbell, J. McFarland, J. Witherspoon, D. D., J. L. Wilson, J. Harrington, A. Buie.

*Presbytery of Charleston.*

J. Wallace, A. Buist, J. B. Van Dyke, A. Gilchrist, G. W. Boggs, J. F. Lanneau, J. B. Adger, J. J. DuBose, T. L. McBride.

*Presbytery of Georgia.*

Wm. McWhir, D. D., R. Quartermar, N.A. Pratt, C. C. Jones, B. Burroughs, H. Galpin, I. S. K. Axson, J. L. Jones, R. Dunlap.

*Presbytery of Flint River.*

J. Brown, D. D., T. Goulding, D. D., J W. Alexander, J. Stratton, A. M. Mooney, L. Y. Corbin, S. W. Erwin, R. T. Marks, J. G. Likens, R. J. Montgomery, T. F. Montgomery, G. W. McCoy.

*Presbytery of Bethel.*

R. B. Walker, J. S. Adams, J. L. R. Davies, W. B. Davies, A. Williams, C. Johnston, J. H. Saye, J. R. Gilland, S. L. Watson.

The Synod then elected A. W. Leland, D. D., Moderator, and B. Gildersleeve, Temporary Clerk.

And adjourned to meet to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock, in the Lecture Room of the Presbyterian Church.

Concluded with prayer,

*Friday Morning 9 o'clock.*

Synod met, and was opened with prayer.

Present as last evening, together with D. C. Campbell, Elder, from the church at Macon, Flint River Presbytery.

The minutes were read; as also the minutes of the last Stated Sessions.

Rev. Mr. Sparrow, of the Synod of North Carolina; Rev. Mr. Frazer, of the Synod of Alabama; Rev. W. N. Cunningham, of the Synod of Virginia; and Rev. H. L. Dean, of the Woburn Association, Mass. being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

The members who were absent last year, were called upon for their several excuses, which were sustained,

The Moderator announced the following Committees:

*On Bills and Overtures*—Dr. Howe, Dr Church, Messrs. Chamberlain, Humphreys; Elders, Campbell, Crawford, Gilham, and Martin, to meet after the recess of this body and afterwards on their own adjournments.

*Judicial Committee*—Messrs. Coit, J. B. Davies, Hoyt, J. S. Wilson—Elders, King, Dearing Hindman, and McJunkin.

*Committee on Narrative*—Messrs. Smyth, Donnelly, Ketchum—Elders A. White, and A. O. Norris.

*Committee on Religious Services with the Congregation*—Messrs. A. N. Cunningham, Talmage—and Elder, W. Shetr.

*Committee on Religious Exercises of Synod*—Messrs. Tallmage, Douglas, Cate—Elder W. E. James.

Letters were received from the Rev. Jas. Gamble, F. R. Goulding, N. A. Pratt, W. McWhir, D. D., P. F. Phelps, J. Phelps, and S. B. Lewers, assigning reasons for absence, which were sustained.

Messrs. Gamble and Goulding's letters were ordered to be placed on the docket.

Rev. G. W. Boggs, and Elders John Cunningham, of the church at Greenesboro, being present, and assigning reasons for not coming sooner, took their seats.

Letters and papers were read in reference to the setting off from this Synod a Presbytery, including Middle Florida, and a part of Georgia, which were referred to a special committee, consisting of Messrs. Thornwell, Baird, and Bowman.—A letter from Dr. McWhir was also referred to the same Committee.

A letter from S. B. Hunter, G. A. Winn, and T. King, Elders of churches in Flint River Presbytery, containing an Overture, was read, and referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

Cris Chiles, Elder of the church at Milledgeville, and E. M. Burns, of Thyatira Church, Hopewell Presbytery, being present and rendering reasons for not coming sooner, took their seats.

A letter from Rev. E. White, and B. M. Palmer, touching the funds of the Theological Seminary, was read and referred to the Board of Directors of the Seminary.

The Moderator announced the receipt of a letter from the Rev. Dr. Palmer, which, on motion, was laid on the table.

It was made the order of the day at four o'clock this afternoon, to hear the report of the Southern Board.

Committees on Presbyterial Records were appointed as follows, viz.:

Records of the Presbytery of South Carolina—Messrs. Petrie and Reid, with Elder M. G. Harris.

Hopewell Presbytery,—Messrs. Bishop and McQueen, with Elder John T. James.

Harmony Presbytery—Messrs. Bowman and Patterson, with Elder S. N. Evans.

Charleston Presbytery—Messrs. Baker and Brown, with Elder W. Wiley.

Presbytery of Georgia—Messrs. M. Dickson, and H. B. Cunningham, with Elder J. Cunningham.

Flint River Presbytery—Messrs. Baird and Caldwell, with Elder O. Chiles.

Bethel Presbytery,—Messrs. Buist and Winn, with Elder Geo. Boorer.

It was moved that we take up the consideration of the time and place of the next meeting of Synod; when it was determined that the next meeting be held in the Second Presbyterian Church in the city of Charlesten, on the Thursday before the 3d Sabbath of Nov. 1841, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

It was made the order of the day for 10 o'clock to-morrow morning, to hear the report of the Synodical Committee of Education.

It was made also the order of the day for this afternoon to receive statistical reports, and reports on the state of religion.

The Committee of Publication presented their report, which was accepted, and the Committee was discharged.

*Resolved*, That 500 copies of the minutes of the last stated sessions, together with those of the present, be printed in pamphlet form, with full statistical tables, and that one hundred and twenty-five dollars be raised for this object in advance.

A Committee of Finance was appointed, consisting of Dr. Howe, Mr. Hoyt, and Col. D. C. Campbell, to provide for the printing of the Minutes, and for the Stated Clerk's salary.

A reference was received from the Presbytery of Charleston, for advice and direction, in relation to a request from the so called Charleston Union Presbytery, through the Rev. E. White, for their minutes for the purpose of transcribing them—and, on motion, it was referred to a committee, consisting of Rev. S. S. Davis, S. J. Cassels, J. C. Coit, with Elder B. King.

The Synod had a recess to meet at half past 3 o'clock, P. M.

*Half past 3 o'clock.*

Synod met.

Mr. John B. Bull, Elder of Willington church, being present, took his seat.

The order of the day was taken up, which was to hear statistical reports, and reports on the state of religion.

Statistical reports were received from all the Presbyteries, and reports on the state of religion, from the Presbyteries of South Carolina, Harmony, Charleston, Georgia, and Bethel, which were committed to the Committee on the Narrative. From the Presbyteries of Hopewell, and Flint River, there were no written reports of the state of religion.

The Presbytery of South Carolina reported that they consist of 18 Ministers, and have under their care 38 congregations, 1 Licentiate, and 1 candidate for the ministry—That they have received Rev. Jas. Lewers from the Presbytery of Charleston; that they have restored the Rev. J. Hillhouse to the office of the ministry; that they have received one church under their

care ; that the Rev. Moses Waddel, D. D., and Rev. C. W. Martin have been removed by death.

The Presbytery of Hopewell reported that they consist of 21 Ministers, and have under their care 28 churches, 1 Licentiate, and 5 candidates for the Ministry ; that C. W. Howard, H. C. Carter, J. F. George, and T. M. Dwight, have withdrawn from this Presbytery ; that G. H. W. Petrie has been received from the Harmony Presbytery, and installed Pastor of the church in Washington ; that F. Bowman has been installed Pastor of the church at Greenesboro ; that P. F. Phelps has been received from the Presbytery of Troy, and J. Phelps from the Presbytery of Philadelphia ; that Mr. David Finley and Mr. Dodd, Licentiates, have been dismissed—the first to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of South Alabama, the other to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Georgia ; and that they have organized a church at Roswell, Cobb Co.

The Presbytery of Harmony reported that they consist of 20 Ministers, and have under their care 28 churches, 1 Licentiate, and 3 candidates ; that they have received Rev. R. C. Ketchum from the South Carolina Presbytery ; that they have ordained and installed M. Peden, as Pastor of Mt. Olivet Church ; that they have received Rev. D. J. Auld from Charleston Presbytery, and installed him as Pastor of Harmony Church ; that they have dismissed B Gilland, a Licentiate, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Bethel ; that they have dismissed the Rev. J. Witherspoon, D. D., to join Orange Presbytery ; that they have licensed Mr. H. Monro, to preach the Gospel ; that they have received the Rev. A. Buie, from Fayetteville Presbytery ; that they have ordained and installed Rev. H. B. Cunningham as Pastor of Indiantown Church ; that they have dissolved the Scion Church, and transferred the few remaining members to Mt. Olivet Church.

The Presbytery of Charleston reported that they consist of 14 members, and have 6 churches under their care, and five candidates for the Ministry ; that they installed by a Committee, the Rev. J. H. Thornwell Pastor of the church at Columbia ; that they have ordained the Rev. T. L. McBride as a Missionary under the Assembly's Board of Foreign Missions ; that they have dissolved the Pastoral relation of Rev. A. Gilchrist and the church at Walterborough ; that they have omitted from their roll of Licentiates the name of Mr. Jas. Adger, as he wished to put himself under the care of another body not in our connexion ; that the Rev. J. F. Lanneau had officially signified his adherence on the basis of the acts of 1837--

1838 ; and that the Rev. J. B. Van Dyke had departed this life.

The Presbytery of Georgia reported that they consist of 9 Ministers ; that they have eleven churches, 1 Licentiate, and 4 candidates for the Ministry under their care ; that they have dismissed the Rev. R. Dunlap to join the Presbytery of Carlisle, and the Rev. N. A. Pratt to join the Presbytery of Hopewell.

The Presbytery of Flint River reported that they consist of 15 Ministers ; and have under their care 33 churches, 2 Licentiates, and 1 candidate for the Ministry ; that they have ordained G. W. McCoy : that they have dismissed the Licentiates S. E. Robinson and John B. Smith, to put themselves under the care of South Alabama Presbytery ; and that John G. Likens and Stanhope W. Erwin had departed this life.

The Presbytery of Bethel reported that they consist of 12 Ministers, and have under their care 21 congregations, and 3 Licentiates ; that they have dismissed the Rev. J. L. R. Davis, and C. Johnson to join the Presbytery of Concord— that they have received from that Presbytery the Rev. S. L. Watson, and installed him Pastor of Bethel Church, and Mr. A. H. Caldwell a Licentiate, and ordained and installed him Pastor of Bethesda Church ; that they have received Rev. J. H. Saye from Flint River Presbytery, and installed him Pastor of Fair Forest and Cane Creek Churches ; that they have received from Harmony Presbytery Mr. J. R. Gilland, as a Licentiate, and ordained and installed him as Pastor of Wax-haw and Lancasterville churches ; that they have organized two churches, one at Unionville, and one called Salem ; and that they have licensed Mr. James Wood.

The Committee on Religious exercises reported the following order, which was adopted, viz : 1. Singing, and prayer by the Moderator. 2. Address to Ministers, by Dr. McDowell. 3. Singing, and address to Elders by Mr. Thornwell. 4. Reading Scriptures and prayer by Dr. Church. 5. Singing and address to private Christians, inquirers and the impenitent, by Mr. Cassels ; and the Benediction by the Moderator.

The order of the day was then called for, viz : to hear the Report of the Board of Missions, which was read by Mr. Gildersleeve.

It was then moved that it be accepted, and referred to a Committee, consisting of Messrs. Thornwell, Smyth, Coit, Church and King, to report upon the whole subject.

The Treasurer's Report was read, and referred to the same Committee.

A resolution was offered, proposing that at each stated meeting of Synod, specific subjects should be assigned to members of this body for popular discourses, and, after debate, it was, on motion, referred to a Committee, consisting of Messrs. Cassels, Thornwell, and Smyth.

The following Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly was appointed, viz: Dr. McDowell, S. S. Davis; S. J. Cassels, T. R. English—with Elders, Ardis and Douglas.

Synod then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

*Saturday Morning, Nov 28—9 o'clock.*

Synod met and was opened with prayer.

Present as yesterday, together with Rev. J. W. Reid, Wm. McCarley, Elder of Lincolnton Church, Rev. B. Burroughs, and Mr. C. J. Shannon, Elder of the church at Camden—whose reasons for not coming sooner were sustained.

The minutes were read.

The standing order of the day, which is to nominate Directors for the Theological Seminary, in the place of those whose term of service expires at this meeting, was taken up: when nominations were made; and it was made the order of the day for 10 o'clock on Monday morning to elect from those nominated, six Ministers and four Laymen, as the Constitution directs.

The Committee on Overtures reported Overture No. 1, which was read and placed upon the docket.

The Committee appointed last year to correspond with the Synods of Virginia and North Carolina, stated that they had written as directed, and had received an answer from the Synod of Virginia declining to withdraw the condition of their last year's proposition for the union of the Seminaries.

The report of the Committee on letters and papers touching the setting off a Presbytery, including Middle Florida and part of Georgia, presented their report, which was read, and recommitted to the same Committee, with the addition of Rev. J. S. Wilson.

The order of the day was taken up, which was to hear the report of the Synodical Committee of Education, which was read by Professor Howe. The report was accepted.

The Rev. Mr. Sparrow, an Agent for the South, of the General Assembly's Board of Education, offered his views of the subject presented by the report of the Committee; and he was followed by Dr. McDowell.

Leave was then granted to any member of the Synod who might choose to pursue the subject. After further remarks by Mr. Coit, the report of the Synodical Committee was laid upon the table.

The Committee to whom was committed the Report of the Southern Board not being able to unite upon principles, agreed to present to the Synod separate reports, one of the majority and one of the minority, both of which were read and accepted.

It was then moved that the report of the majority be adopted.

The Report of the majority is as follows, viz:—

“*Resolved*, 1st. That this Synod cordially approve of the principles set forth in the Report of the Executive Committee on Foreign Missions, and that it be printed with the Minutes of Synod, the expense thus incurred to be borne by the Missionary funds.

*Resolved*, 2dly. That for the present at least, the appointment of a Southern Board of Foreign Missions be dispensed with, and that an Executive Committee of Foreign Missions be appointed by the Synod, with all the powers and functions of the Board, to report directly to Synod.

*Resolved*, 3dly. That according to the standing order of Synod each member be now called upon to report, whether he has observed in his Church the Monthly Concert for prayer, and taken up collections at the same; and whether any collections on behalf of this Board has been taken up during the year.

*Resolved*, 4thly. That this Synod would respond to the call made upon it by the pressing necessities of our general Board, and would therefore solemnly, and with all the authority with which it is invested, urge the claims of this divinely commanded work upon the attention of all its Ministers and Churches—that whereas during the past year not more than twenty, out of one hundred and seventy Churches have reported any collections for this object, and not more than fifteen have reported any contributions from the Monthly Concert, we may, at our next meeting be able to report the doings of every Church within our bounds.

*Resolved*, 5thly. That the thanks of Synod be tendered to Mr. Adger, for his services as Treasurer of our Missionary fund—that his account be approved as accurately and well kept, and that he be requested to continue his services in this office.

*Resolved*, 6thly. That in order to further the cause of Foreign Missions, as connected with the Board of our Church, the Missionary Chronicle, published by that Board and containing its proceedings and missionary journals, with other

missionary intelligence, be most earnestly recommended to the patronage of our Churches.

*Resolved, finally,* That the annual sermon be preached on Sabbath afternoon, and a Missionary meeting be held on Sabbath evening, in the Church, under the direction of the Session."

The minority's report is as follows, viz:

"*Resolved 1,* That it is the duty of the Church, in her appropriate character, to do, through her proper officers and courts, all that God requires at her hands; and that for this purpose she is adequately furnished by her glorious Head.

*Resolved 2,* That the policy of conducting benevolent enterprises by a system of Boards and permanent agencies, is un-presbyterian, unscriptural, and dangerous.

*Resolved 3.* That if it should be regarded as desirable to have central channels for the transmission of funds to distant parts, there would be nothing improper in the arrangement; provided these financial agents are men of business, and officers not spiritual in the Church."

Walter Lowrie, Esq. Corresponding Secretary and General Agent of the Assembly's Board of Foreign Missions, being present, was introduced to the Synod, and requested to offer his views upon the subject, which he accordingly did.

Mr. Lowrie, having finished his remarks, a motion was made for recess, but before the motion was taken it was made the order of the day for Monday morning at 10 o'clock, to hear a report from the Trustees of Oglethorpe University.

Synod then had a recess to meet at half past 3 o'clock this afternoon.

*Half past 3 o'clock, P. M.*

Synod met.

The Committee of Bills and Overtures presented Overture No. 2, which was ordered to be put on the docket.

The Committee on Finance presented their Report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows, viz :

That by resolution of Synod there is to be raised for printing the Minutes, in advance, \$125; Stated Clerk's salary, \$50—\$175; which they would apportion to the Presbyteries, as follows, viz :

To Harmony Presbytery,	- - - - -	\$32 00.
Bethel,	- - - - -	18 26
Flint River,	- - - - -	24 90
South Carolina,	- - - - -	26 56
Georgia,	- - - - -	18 37
Charleston,	- - - - -	21 75
Hopewell,	- - - - -	33 20
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The unfinished business was taken up, viz. the motion to adopt the majority report of the Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Board of Missions.

After the discussion of that Report had proceeded for some time, Synod took a recess until 7 o'clock—at which time they are to engage in devotional exercises.

*Seven o'clock, P. M.*

Synod met, and proceeded to the religious exercises appointed, according to the standing order as reported by the Committee. These interesting exercises being closed, Synod adjourned to meet on Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

*Monday Morning, 9 o'clock.*

Synod met, and was opened with prayer.

Present as on Saturday, together with the Rev. Richard M. Baker, who was reported to have been ordained on yesterday morning by Hopewell Presbytery.

The Committees on the minutes of South Carolina, Hopewell, and Bethel Presbyteries reported, recommending that the several minutes be approved, which was adopted.

A letter was read from the Rev. J. L. Kennedy, containing his excuse for absence, which was sustained.

The Committee to whom was recommitted the application from Florida for setting off a Presbytery, offered their report, which was adopted, and is as follows, viz :

Whereas there are in Middle and West Florida several ministers of the Presbyterian Church, and some four or five regularly organized Churches, whose location is within the bounds of Georgia Presbytery, but so remote from any of the places at which said Presbytery finds it practicable either for these brethren to attend said meetings, or for the Presbytery to exert at such distance the influence which this new and interesting field of labor demands ; and whereas those brethren, and the Churches in our connection of that region, have applied for the formation of a new Presbytery, and the Georgia Presbytery within whose bounds said Churches are located, have recommended the measure, therefore,

*Resolved*, 1st. That the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia do now and hereby constitute a new Presbytery, under the name of "the Presbytery of Florida"—that it embrace as its present territory, that part of Middle and West Florida

now under the jurisdiction of the Presbytery of Georgia, together with the Counties of Baker, Decatur, Thomas, Lowndes, and Early, in Georgia, including also the following Ministers, viz: John Brown, D. D., B. Burroughs, Philo F. Phelps, Joshua Phelps; and R. M. Baker.

*Resolved.* 2d. That said Presbytery be and is hereby required to hold its first meeting in Tallahassee on the last Thursday of January, 1841, at 7 o'clock, P. M., and that the Rev. Dr. Brown, or in case of his absence the oldest minister present, open the meeting of Presbytery with a sermon, and preside until a new Moderator be chosen.

The order of the day was taken up, which was to elect Directors for the Theological Seminary, when the members were requested to prepare their ballots. Mr. Buist and Mr. Baird were appointed a Committee to receive and count the votes, and declare the result.

The Committee on Dr. McWhir's letter, and the report of his labors in Florida, offered as their Report the following minute, which was adopted, viz: That the continued health and strength and efforts of Dr. McWhir in the Master's service, under the weight of four score years, the privations of an unsettled country, and the perils of a savage war, are at once a cause of thankfulness and a call for greater zeal and activity on the part of his younger brethren in the Ministry, and in the expressions of the views and feelings of Synod on this subject, that the Moderator write at his leisure to Dr. McWhir such letter as the nature of the case demands.

The following preamble and resolution in reference to the American Bible Society, was presented and adopted, viz:

As the American Bible Society has had from its commencement and still retains the unabated confidence of the Synod.

*Resolved,* That the Ministers and Churches belonging to this Synod be requested to co-operate efficiently with said institution in supplying within our bounds destitute families, Sabbath and Common Schools, with the Holy Scriptures, and in furnishing also means to prepare and circulate the same sacred volume in foreign countries, where in the Providence of God the way is now extensively prepared to receive it.

*Resolved,* That the Rev. Professor Sparrow be cordially welcomed among us, as the Agent of the General Assembly's Board of Education, in the Southern Synods, and that it be earnestly recommended to all the Ministers and Churches within our bounds to co-operate with him in promoting the important object of his agency, and furnish every facility for the successful prosecution of his labors.

On the subject of Education, for the Ministry, Synod adopted the following paper.

In view of the perishing condition of the heathen world, as well as the fact that great numbers throughout various parts of Christendom, and even in our beloved country, are equally cut off the way of salvation, the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia would recognize the unspeakable importance of the duty devolved on the Church by her ever blessed Head, of furnishing Ministers of the Gospel in sufficient numbers to preach the Gospel to every creature ; and they are fully aware that the subject is by no means receiving that attention which it imperatively demands. Therefore,

*Resolved* 1, That this Synod earnestly recommend that on the first Sabbath in March next, special prayer be offered in all our Churches to the Lord of the Harvest, that he would send forth more laborers into his harvest, as the special appointed means without which we have no right to expect a blessing on any other means.

*Resolved* 2, That it be recommended to all our Ministers to take special pains to set before the minds of our pious young men their duty in regard to the work of the Ministry; and likewise that they press on Christian parents the duty of consecrating their sons unto the Lord for the Ministry of the Gospel, and of continuing to offer special prayer, that God would receive them and qualify them for this service, and call them to it.

*Resolved* 3, That it be recommended to our Ministers and Elders to seek diligently for young men of piety and talents suitable for the Gospel Ministry, and if any of them be in indigent circumstances, to bring them to the knowledge of their Presbyteries that they may examine them and recommend them to the Board of Education.

*Resolved* 4, That on the aforesaid first Sabbath in March next, all our Ministers be required to bring before their respective congregations in such manner as they may deem expedient, the subjects embraced in the foregoing resolutions ; and it is recommended that they be also read from the pulpits on that day.

*Resolved* 5, That the Stated Clerk be instructed to have the above preamble and resolutions published in "the Charleston Observer," at least one month before the Sabbath designated.

The order of the day was then taken up, which was to hear the Report of the Trustees of Oglethorpe University, which was read by Col. Grieve, and on motion it was accepted.

After which, by permission of Synod, Mr. Poe and Col. Grieve, Trustees of the University, addressed them on the design, the state, and the importance of this Institution.

The Report was then referred to a special Committee of five, consisting of Col. Campbell, T. Smyth, G. Howe, W. Dearing, and Gen. Gillam.

The Committee to receive and count the votes for Directors of the Seminary, reported that the following members were duly elected, viz: *Ministers*—W. A. McDowell, D. D., B. Gilandersleeve, S. S. Davis, A. Church, D. D., T. Smyth, and D. Humphreys. *Laymen*—Wm. Dearing, E. A. Nisbet, B. King and Dr. T. Wells.

The letter of Dr. Palmer was taken up and referred to a Committee, consisting of Messrs. Davis, Hoyt, and Bowman.

The unfinished business of Saturday was taken up, viz. the report of the Committee, &c.—but the discussion was deferred until 3 o'clock this afternoon.

The Committee on the history of the Church not being ready to report, was continued for the next year.

On motion, Overture No. 1, was taken up, viz: "Does it accord with the discipline of the Presbyterian Church, or with the duties of a Minister of the Gospel that he should take charge of a partisan, political press, at any time, and especially at a time of high political excitement; and is a Minister excusable should he attend political conventions and deliver political addresses, or otherwise engage prominently in party politics?" Whereupon the following resolutions were offered, and after some discussion, were adopted, viz:

*Resolved* 1, That it is the solemn and deliberate opinion of this Synod that it is highly improper for any one who has been solemnly set apart to the duties of the sacred office, to engage actively in party politics, from the conviction that it employs his time, injures his personal piety, and places insurmountable barriers in the way of his usefulness.

*Resolved* 2, That editing political partisan newspapers, and addressing political meetings, are utterly inconsistent with the sacred office; and wherever such things exist, they call for immediate redress on the part of the Presbyteries.

The ministerial members of Synod were called upon to state what they had done in relation to the religious instruction of the colored people; and it was then referred to the Committee on the Narrative to report distinctly upon this subject.

The Committee to whom was recommitted the Report on specific subjects for discourses at our Synodical meetings, presented the original report, which was accepted; when, after discussion, the subject was indefinitely postponed.

Synod had a recess to meet at half past 3 o'clock this afternoon.

*Half past 3 o'clock, P. M.*

Synod met. The Committee to collect the assessment on the Presbyteries reported that they had collected from the Presbytery of Béthel \$18 26 ; but that the other Presbyteries were not now prepared to meet the assessment.—Whereupon the report was accepted and the Committee were discharged.

The order of the day was then taken up, which was the adoption of the report of the Majority Committee ; but before the question was taken, Synod had a recess to meet at 7 o'clock this evening.

*Seven o'clock, P. M.*

Synod met. Col. Campbell offered a report from the Board of Trustees of Oglethorpe University, stating that the Board had elected as President of that Institution Rev. Dr. John Breckenridge, and asked the concurrence of the Synod in this appointment. It was also reported that the term of the following Trustees expired at this meeting of Synod, viz :—  
*Ministers*—S. S. Davis, R. Chamberlain, S. J. Cassels.—  
*Laymen*—J. H. Lumpkin, W. W. Holt, W. Poe, E. A. Nisbet, and Wm. Law ; and requesting a time to be fixed for the election. Accordingly it was made the order of the day to attend to this subject to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Rev. J. Baker, C. J. Shannon, and M. G. Harris, obtained leave of absence.

The unfinished business, viz : the adoption of the majority's report, was then taken up and discussed.

It was then moved that the subject be postponed to the next meeting of the Synod, which was decided in the negative.

The question recurring on the motion to adopt the report of the majority of the Committee on the Board of Foreign Missions, it was decided by Ayes and Nays as follows, viz :—

*Ayes*.—*Ministers*—D. Humphreys, E. T. Buist, E. Cater, John McKittrick, N. Hoyt, S. S. Davis, A. Church, D. D., S. K. Talmage, F. Bowman, H. Safford, A. N. Cunningham, G. H. W. Petrie, J. W. Reid, J. Brown, P. Pearson, M. Peden, H. B. Cunningham, W. A. McDowell, D. D., B. Gildersleeve, George Howe, D. D., T. Smyth, W. Baird, J. Winn, B. Burroughs, J. C. Patterson, J. S. Wilson, M. Dickson, R. Chamberlain, J. B. Davies, S. B. O. Wilson, A. H. Caldwell, G. W. Boggs, J. Douglas, W. H. Davis, J. W. Reid, and S. J. Cassels. *Elders*—George Boozer, A. O. Norris, S. N. Evans, J. Bull, William Dearing, William Shear, B. King, O. Chiles, E. M. Burns, W. E. James, A. White, J. T.

James, W. M. McCarley, W. Wiley, David Ardis, D. C. Campbell, Gen. J. Gilam.—53

*Nays.*—Ministers—R. C. Ketchum, D. McQueen, J. C. Coit, D. J. Auld, J. H. Thornwell, and P. E. Bishop.—  
*Elder*—J. Martin.—7.

*Excused from voting.*—Ministers—T. R. English, S. Donnelly. *Elders*—J. Douglas, A. Crawford, A. Hindman.—5.

Dr. McJunikn, Mr. Thornwell, Mr. Coit, and Mr. Martin, obtained leave of absence. Synod then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

*Tuesday Morning, Dec. 1—9 o'clock.*

Synod met, and was opened with prayer. The calling of the roll was dispensed with. The minutes were read.

*Resolved*, That the funds collected by Mr. Sparrow, within the bounds of this Synod, be paid over to the Treasurer of the Committee of Education, and that that Committee be authorized to pay the expenses and salary of the Agent while laboring within our bounds.

A special Committee on the report of the Committee of Education was appointed, consisting of Dr. Howe, Messrs. Cater and Shear.

The following Executive Committee on Foreign Missions were then appointed, viz: B. Gildersleeve, T. Smyth, J. DeWees, D. W. Harrison, W. Miller, W. Adger, H. Wilson, J. Callwell, W. Harrall. *Auditors*—Messrs. J. Robinson and W. C. Dukes.

The Committee on the minutes of the General Assembly presented their report, which was accepted.

1st. That inquiries be made of the Presbyteries whether they had attended to the order of the General Assembly respecting Deacons.

"That it be enjoined upon all the Presbyteries under the care of the General Assembly, to take such order on this subject as shall secure the appointment of deacons in all the Churches, with the exception of those in which it is impracticable from the paucity of male members."

Inquiries were accordingly made, when it was reported by nearly all the Presbyteries that they had attended to it.

*Resolved*, That this Synod unite with the General Assembly in recommending to all the Churches under their care to observe the first Sabbath of January next as a season of special prayer for the purposes specified in the resolution of the General Assembly. Synod also adopted the following Resolutions, from the Minutes of the General Assembly.

*"Resolved,* That the General Assembly recommend to all the Churches under their care to observe the *first Sabbath in January* next, with special reference to the conversion of the world; and on that day to offer up fervent, and united prayers for the blessing of God on the operations of our several Boards, that they may subserve the great ends for which they have been appointed, the diffusion of the light and truth of the Gospel at home and abroad; that our whole Church, in its organized form, may become what she ought to be, a Missionary Church; and that all other Churches of other denominations may become animated with a true Missionary spirit, and do their part in accomplishing the great work to which the Head of the Church is now summoning all His people, the work of enlightening, reforming, and converting the world, that He may reign over all nations in the fulness of His grace and glory, and that it be recommended to all the Churches to take up on that day collections for the Board of Foreign Missions."

*Resolved,* That we enjoin it upon all our Ministers, Sessions, and members, to redouble their efforts to suppress the sin of Sabbath breaking, and to promote a becoming regard for the Sanctuary and its ordinances.

"We are pained to learn that the desecration of the Sabbath continues to be a prominent, if not a growing sin, in almost every part of the land. The proper observance of this holy day is closely associated with our dearest civil rights, and our most precious religious privileges, with the stability of our political institutions and the safety of the Church. We enjoin it upon all our Ministers, sessions and members, therefore, to redouble their efforts to suppress the sin of Sabbath breaking and to promote a becoming regard for the Sanctuary and its ordinances."

#### BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Committee would recommend that the Synod call the special attention of their Ministers and Churches to the Resolutions of the Assembly in reference to the several Boards of the Church, and that these Resolutions be published in connection with the Minutes of the Synod, which was adopted.

"1. *Resolved,* That the General Assembly acknowledge with joy and with devout gratitude to God, the smiles of his favour on this great cause, and that there is great occasion for thankfulness in view of the many effectual doors thrown open to the Foreign Missionary efforts of the church.

2. *Resolved,* That we notice with deep interest the condition of schools among the heathen, and the increasing devotedness of Missionaries in this arduous department of labour,

and that we do earnestly recommend to the church to make these schools, more than ever, the special object of prayer and liberal contribution.

3. *Resolved*, That the Assembly revolt with anguish from every part of the melancholy alternative which the want of funds will force upon us if not speedily remedied, and that we all respond to the Board, " *We cannot give up any part* of the field described in their report."

4. *Resolved*, That the loud call to the Churches for help cannot be disregarded by any, without criminal apathy toward the perishing heathen.

5. *Resolved*, That no financial embarrassment of the country should be suffered to discourage Pastors and agents from cogently presenting this cause to the people: for the Spirit of God has graciously added to the church, within this season of unparalleled derangement in the country, a multitude of such as we hope shall be saved, and of course a multitude of willing hearts and hands to supply, and more than supply, with their abundant mites, the lack of fortunes which have been broken or diminished.

6 *Resolved*, That it be recommended to every Pastor and Session to circulate the Missionary Chronicle diligently among the people, and to make every member of the church feel, by direct and personal appeals, that it is a duty and a privilege to help this cause; and that the Assembly address a circular letter to all the Churches under our care, affectionately inviting and urging them to entertain deeper sympathies, to offer more ardent and unceasing prayers, to make immediate, regular and vigorous efforts to collect funds for this object, and that it be read from the pulpit of every church at a suitable time."

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"The Committee to whom was referred the annual report of the Board of Missions, made a report, which was adopted, as follows, viz.

1. *Resolved*, That the Assembly, having heard from the report of their Board of Missions of the continued and increasing prosperity of the cause of Domestic Missions in the Presbyterian Church, would record their grateful acknowledgments to the Head of the Church for these signs and tokens of His favour.

2. *Resolved*, That whereas the present position of our country and the exigencies of the church demand greatly increased efforts in the cause of Domestic Missions; and whereas, from the report of the Board, it appears they have already made large engagements and contemplate much more extended plans of operations to meet, as far as practicable, the pre-

ing demand from all portions of our land, and especially from the west, the south, and the south-west, including also Texas; and whereas, to carry forward these extended operations will require the united and cordial co-operation of the Churches, the General Assembly do most earnestly urge the claims of this Board on all their Ministers and Churches.

3. *Resolved*, To secure the attention of Ministers and Churches to this important object, the Assembly renew the recommendation of the last Assembly, that inasmuch as the report when published, although sent to every Minister, cannot be generally circulated among the members of the Churches, it be recommended to the Pastors of Churches to spread before their people the substance of this report, by reading it, or portions of it, from their pulpits at such time as may be convenient for taking up an annual collection on behalf of this cause.

4. *Resolved*, That the agents employed by the Board be recommended to the confidence and cordial co-operation of the Pastors and Churches ; and in portions of the church in which the Board may have no agent, the Assembly would earnestly recommend the individual agency of every Minister and session in forwarding the interests of the cause.

5. *Resolved*, That the Assembly have heard with deep interest of the number of itinerant Missionaries now in the employment of the Board, and of the good success which has attended their labours ; and while they would enjoin on the Board to continue, as heretofore, to aid feeble Churches in the support of Pastors, they would at the same time renew the expression of their deep conviction of the great importance of itinerant Missionary labours among the more destitute districts and the newly settled portions of our country, and would urge on the Board and on all our Ministers and Churches, in the language of the report, to unite their prayers, their influence and their efforts, to fill all the dark places of our land with the light of God's salvation."

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In relation to the works of the Assembly's Board of Publication, the following Resolutions were adopted, from the Minutes of the Assembly :

"*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the Presbyteries to take such order as to them may seem best adapted to secure the establishment of depositories and the circulation of the publications of this Board through their bounds.

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the Board to have its claims brought before all the Churches which have not heretofore contributed to its funds ; and that the distribution of their publications in foreign lands be presented as an important ground of their application for aid."

The Committee to whom was referred the Report of Oglethorpe University, reported the following resolution, which was adopted.

*Resolved*, That the appointment of the Rev. J. Breckenridge, D. D. as President of Oglethorpe University, meets our cordial approbation, and is hereby confirmed; and furthermore, that this Synod do most earnestly solicit Dr. Breckenridge to accept the appointment, if it be consistent with his views of propriety and duty, and aid us in rendering it what its founders designed it should be, and what with the blessing of Providence, we are determined it shall become, an Institution suited to the demands of the whole Southern Presbyterian Church.

*Resolved*, That this Synod feel for the College under their charge renewed confidence, and the earnest desire for its perfect establishment and success. That the principles upon which it is founded and by which it is characterized, are the principles of the Presbyterian Church in regard to the education of youth.

*Resolved*, That the Synod earnestly and cordially commend the Institution to the confidence and liberality of the Church, as one of the greatest and one of the most important, which can claim the Christian effort of this portion of the Church, and as worthy of the support and bounty of all who feel it their duty to sustain and build up one of the noblest Christian enterprises which distinguishes this day of Christian energy and action.

*Resolved*, That the appointment of Rev. Mr. Davis, as Professor of Languages, meets our most cordial approval, and that the same is hereby sanctioned and confirmed.

*Resolved*, That the Synod hereby sanction and approve the transfer of Rev. Professor Talmage from the Professorship of Languages to that of Belles Letters and Mental Philosophy.

The Committee to whom was referred the letter of Dr. Palmer, presented their Report, which was accepted, amended, and is as follows, viz :

That the communication is respectful and the purport of it is contained in the following paragraph:

"Please let me know whether I am in or out of the Church—and if out of it, why am I out, and how I may consistently acquire my former standing."

The Committee recommend that these inquiries be respectfully answered as follows, viz:—That the Synod do not at present recognize Dr. Palmer, as one of their number, because he has never, to their knowledge, publicly professed his adherence to the Church on the basis of the Assemblies of '37-'38, as required by the General Assembly and by this Synod.

That the way for his consistently and constitutionally resuming his former connexion with this body is perfectly plain and unobstructed, as indicated by a resolution of the General Assembly of '38, to wit, by application to the nearest Presbytery in connexion with the General Assembly, which, in relation to Dr. Palmer, is the Presbytery of Charleston—and that the Stated Clerk be directed to furnish him an attested copy.

The Committee to whom was referred the reference from Charleston Presbytery, offered their Report, which was accepted; and on motion the subject was referred back to the Presbytery with the annexed resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Records of the Presbytery of Charleston are their own property and at their own disposal.

The order of the day was taken up, which was the election of Trustees to the Oglethorpe University, which resulted, as per report of the Committee, as follows:

*Ministers*—R. W. James, R. Chamberlain, and S. J. Cassels.

*Laymen*—J. H. Lumpkin, W. Poe, E. A. Nisbet, and William Law.

The Board of the Theological Seminary presented their Report, which was accepted.

The Board, on the letter of Mr. White and Dr. Palmer, which had been referred to them, recommend to the Synod that it be laid on the table. Their report was accepted and adopted.

Synod also adopted the resolutions recommended to them by the Board, as follows. viz:—

*Resolved 1*, That it be most cordially recommended to all the Pastors and Churches connected with this Synod, on or before the first Sabbath in May next, to take up a collection for the incidental expenses of the Seminary and increase of the Library, and that the same be transmitted to the Treasurer, Mr. Law.

*Resolved 2*, That it be referred to the Board of Directors to make such arrangements as they may deem best, for the purchase of books for the Librbry, as they may have the means of purchasing from any contingent fund which may be in their hands after meeting the necessary incidental expenses of the Institution; it being understood that they are not at liberty to use for this purpose any of the permanent fund, nor to incur a debt to be provided for hereafter.

Inquiries were made of the members of Synod in relation to what the Ministers had done for the Contingent Fund of the Seminary, when some eleven or twelve Churches reported that they had attended to the order of Synod last year on this subject.

On motion, it was unanimously *Resolved*, That the Board of Directors are instructed to assure Mr. Law that they have the

most unabated confidence in him as their Treasurer, and request his continuance in office.

The Committee on the Minutes of Flint River, Georgia, and Charleston Presbytery, reported, recommending that their Books be approved, which was adopted.

The Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Synodical Committee, offered their Report, which was accepted, and adopted, and is as follows, viz :

That the debt of the Synod contracted for the Education Cause, amounts to \$842 77, that there is a further debt due to Mr. E. L. Newton, of \$98. The whole debt now due amounts to \$940 77. That appropriations are also due, to the amount of above \$600. That 1,540 77, are at this moment required for this cause, and that the whole amount needed for the current year is about \$4000.

*Resolved*, 1, That a Synodical Committee of Education be appointed.

*Resolved*, 2, That the Roll be now called and that the members of Synod be requested to state what their congregations may be expected to contribute to the cause, the ensuing year.

*Resolved*, 3, That the Committee of Education be instructed to confer with the Rev. Mr. Sparrow, and give directions to him as to his agency, and afford him such other aid as may be required.

*Resolved*, 4, That the Churches of this Synod be distinctly informed, that unless immediate aid is furnished to the Education Cause, even the small number of young men whom we now have preparing for the ministry, will be rendered still smaller, by the necessity which will be laid upon some of them, of abandoning their studies, and engaging in other pursuits.

The inquiries according to the second Resolution, resulted in distinct pledges to the amount of nearly \$2,500, and the additional support of four candidates for the ministry.

Synod then had a recess to meet at half past 3 o'clock this afternoon.

*Half past 3 o'clock.*

Synod met.

Overture No 2 was taken up, and indefinitely postponed.

Whereas, W. Lowrie, Esqr. Secretary of the General Assembly's Board of Foreign Missions has visited this Synod, and made some interesting statements respecting the Foreign Missions, under the care of the General Assembly, and the depressed state of the funds, therefore,

*Resolved*, That this Synod take this opportunity to express their entire confidence in Mr. Lowrie, and do most cordially

recommend him, and the cause which he advocates, to all the Churches under our care.

*Resolved*, That the history of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, by Professor Hodge, the second volume of which is now published, be cordially recommended to our Churches, as a valuable and faithful history of our Church ; and that Professor Hodge be requested to continue this work, which has already been so useful.

The Education Committee of last year was re-appointed, and consists of Dr. Leland, Dr. Howe, Mr. Thornwell, J. S. Scott, Wm. Law, T. Wells, D. Ewart, Jas. Martin, and S. Crane.

The Committee on the Narrative, offered their Report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows :

### NARRATIVE

#### *Of the State of Religion within the bounds of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia.*

The great objects contemplated in the annual Convention of the Bishops and Elders of our Church in the capacity of a Synod, are *first*, the edification and comfort of its members by means of their mutual counsel and advice ; *secondly*, the good of the Church within whose bounds it is assembled ; and *thirdly*, the promotion of the general welfare of all the Churches embraced within the limits of the Church. For this purpose does our Synodical Assembly extend its review to the whole territory over which its jurisdiction spreads, and receive particular reports from its lower judicatories ; that whatever in their proceedings and prospects is correct and encouraging may be received with approval and rejoicing ; and that whatever has been irregular and discouraging may be corrected, and the sources of the evil be, if possible, removed. It is therefore the duty of Synod to take such order as may tend to promote not only the edification of the Church within its own bounds, but also the advantage of the whole Church, of which it is but a co-ordinate member.

It is with this view, and in the hope of advancing such an important end, the Synod would present to its Churches and to the public a brief report of the general state and condition of religion within its limits during the past year.

An abstract of such information as has been communicated by the several Presbyteries, will therefore be here given.

#### PRESBYTERY OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Report presented by this Presbytery states :

" That the present state of our Zion is, in some degree, encouraging.—We have had considerable additions to a few of our Churches ; and a small increase to most of them, where they enjoy the regular means of grace.—Our vacant Churches seem to be more than usually anxious to obtain the bread of life ; and are disposed to make efforts to that end.

The members of our Churches attend upon the common means of grace with apparent zeal and interest. Our congregations are large and attentive, especially on the Sabbath.

We have Sunday Schools in some of our Churches ; and in many, Catechetical Classes. And where we have large congregations of the coloured population, special sermons are preached for them.

The Temperance cause is making considerable cause among us—and we have good reason to hope that the time is not far distant, when there shall be a visible and permanent reform on this subject in our whole country.

Some of our Churches have become liberal in the support of the Gospel, and sustain their Ministers; while others suffer and require the servants of the Most High to engage in secular business for sustenance. Those Ministers who have had all their time to devote to the duties of their office, have attended to Pastoral visitation; which they have found to be beneficial to themselves and to their flocks.

The united desire of our hearts seem to be, that the cause of Zion may advance among us; and that sinners may be saved. It is for this we labor—for this we preach—and for this we pray."

#### PRESBYTERY OF HOPEWELL.

This Presbytery has neglected to send up to Synod any Narrative of the State of Religion within its bounds.

#### PRESBYTERY OF HARMONY.

From the Report handed in from this Presbytery, we learn:

"There have been no revivals in any of our Churches. In some of them, perhaps, the spirit of piety may be said to have declined; especially where they have not been blessed with the regular preaching of the Gospel, which has been the case in a few of our Churches. But still we feel that there is much which ought to inspire our hearts with gratitude, and cause us to engage with renewed diligence in the great work of preaching the Gospel. In most of our Churches where the Gospel has been regularly preached on the Sabbath there has been a good attendance, and, apparently, a serious attention to the truths preached. There have been no large additions to any of our Churches, but the few that have been added give cheering evidence that the Lord has not wholly forsaken us—that the still small voice of the Spirit does, in some instances, accompany the Word to the hearts of sinners, and makes it to be the wisdom of God and the power of God to salvation. Sabbath Schools, Bible Classes, and Classes for Catechetical Instruction of the youth, have been formed and are in successful operation in almost all our Churches.—Instructions are also furnished for the colored people to a very considerable extent. Some of our Ministers preach to them once on every Sabbath; others have Sabbath Schools for their benefit—and it is always pleasant to see with what apparent gratitude they receive the offered instruction. Appeals for benevolence have generally been responded to, but certainly not in the same proportion with which God has blessed us.

Upon the whole we believe there is, for the most part, a healthful growing state of piety in our Churches. Increased attention has been given to doctrinal preaching, and the consequence is, an increased attachment to our doctrines and order. Still there remains much to be done, before our Churches will have the appearance of "*well watered gardens of the Lord,*" and abound in all the fruits of holiness."

#### PRESBYTERY OF CHARLESTON.

This Presbytery in presenting their Report to Synod state:

"The Presbytery of Charleston in presenting an account of the state of religion within their bounds, during the past year, are thankful to God, who has enabled them to do so with a measure of joy. While there has been much to call forth humiliation and sorrow in the circumstances through which they have been called to pass, they have not been left without

witness that God has remembered them in mercy. "While it is not given to them to report any remarkable outpourings of Divine grace, they can rejoice in the steadfastness and continued growth of their few and comparatively feeble Churches. In those of Columbia and of Charleston there is much to encourage and to cheer. That of Beech Island has also prospered, as far as it was to be expected, considering their destitute condition and the sparseness of their population. The Church at Walterboro' has been left vacant, and while in itself weak is thus exposed to destitution.

Sabbath Schools are kept up in all the Churches. The Monthly Concert also is observed, and the various objects of benevolence more or less supported.

They would therefore unite with the Synod in earnestly imploring the Divine blessing—that God would strengthen the things that are weak, and which are ready to die—and that he would return and revive his work in the midst of us, and cause us to arise and shine."

#### PRESBYTERY OF GEORGIA.

From the full Report of this Presbytery, we derive the following Information as to the several Churches within the bounds of that Presbytery:

The Church at Waynesville has been destitute of a Minister for a long period of time, and has seldom enjoyed the ministry of one of our denomination. We note that this destitution has not yet been supplied, but that arrangements are being made for that object.

The separation of the population requires great labor by a Minister, but in this County, the concentration at particular points, has enabled the people to support a Minister, and we presume it will be done again.

Of the state of this Church, we have no particular information; but it is not difficult to form a conclusion, that a Church cannot flourish and increase, without a constant and faithful Ministry.

The Church at St. Mary's has long supported the Ministry of the Gospel. Its interests were deeply identified with the labors of our lamented brother, the Rev. H. S. Pratt. The members of this Church are gradually increasing, and the influence of religion more felt. The Sabbath School is well attended and supported, and the Monthly Concert regularly observed, and contributions made. A Female Bible Society of several denominations, has been kept up for many years.

The cause of Temperance is acquiring strength in the Community. We find this Church sustains weekly prayer meetings, and gives assurance of their value in its present condition. We cannot perceive that there have been any seasons of special attention to religion, but we mark an onward progress, and several additions to the Church within the past year.

Linton Grove Church is reported next in order, by the members of the Presbytery nearest to it.

It was under the care of the Rev. H. Galpin, as stated supply. He has changed his residence and the Church is about to employ another Minister. Though small it has made persevering efforts to sustain the Gospel Ministry, and Sabbath Schools.

The Church at St. Augustine did not appear, or furnish a report. We have dismissed the Rev. Mr. Dunlap, who has removed from thence, and is succeeded by W. Teese, a Licentiate.

We can say but little in relation to the Churches at Tallahassee, Madison, Quincy, and Mandarin, no reports having been made. We understand that the Church at Tallahassee will soon be supplied with a Minister.

The Church at Quincy has suffered heavy loss from the death of the Rev. Mr. Rice. We trust its active zeal may be rewarded by a faithful successor, and spiritual gifts.

At Darien, the Ministry of the Rev. N. A. Pratt has been succeeded by that of the Rev. John Winn, who represents the Church in that place. It has long borne a decided part, in the privileges and operations of the day : and still maintains, with the ordinances of the Gospel, the accustomed exercises of prayer meetings and Sabbath Schools.

We cannot, in the case of this Church, quote any special influences of the Spirit, nor large additions to it during the past year.

We note a commencement of Bible distribution by the Church and Community of Darien, and its vicinity, which we consider an auspicious demonstration of the influence of the Gospel.

We are also informed of the decided progress of the Temperance Reformation.

The Congregational Church in Liberty County, under the care of the Rev. Mr. Quarterman, and Axson, is reported by them.

The Church in Bryan County was represented by its stated supply, Rev. John Jones. The state of religion in this church is of the same character as that presented by the Churches generally. It is not large in numbers, but active in its operations: Among these, we observe the erection of a new house of worship. It has constantly supported the Gospel Ministry..

The Church at Savannah was reported by its Pastor. The ordinances of the Gospel, with the Sabbath School, Bible Class, Prayer Meetings, and monthly Concert of Prayer, are regularly sustained. An Elder of the Church, or the Pastor, visits the Sabbath School every Sabbath. Children are regularly catechised.

The Rev. C. C. Jones who is within the bounds of the Congregational Church in Liberty County, and who labors, as it is well known, among the people of Color principally, refers to the last report made in that County on that subject, and adds, that the proceedings under his ministry, are of a character marked by encouragements to carry on the work: and he states large additions to the Churches from this population, in the past year.

The Rev. B. Burroughs, Minister of a Congregational Church in the District of White Bluff, states, that he has had encouragement in his labors, in this Church ; and has constantly preached to the Colored people, collected at the house of worship used by the whites, and recently enlarged, that the members might be increased.

He has recently preached at the African Church in the District, to numerous and attentive Congregations.

The Rev. William McWhir has for some time, been doing the work of an Evangelist, in various sections of our Presbytery, both in Georgia, and in Florida.

In the last named, he has carried the Gospel and its ordinances, to the posts occupied by troops ; and has been encouraged to recommend that the Presbytery hold in view the future occupation of this ground.

He furnishes the grateful intelligence, of the strong feelings of piety and benevolence, and respect for the Gospel, found in many officers of the Army, and their families.

Our conclusion therefore, in relation to the subject of the religious state of the Churches under the care of this Presbytery, is, that as to the numbers and influence, our Church stands in a position to do good, on every side and abroad.

One cheering fact was drawn from the reports of our members, which was, that in every place from whence we learn any thing, there is a universal desire to carry instruction to the colored population, and ready access to them.

In Wayne and Glynn Counties, the Georgia Conference supports two Missionaries to the Negroes ; and the masters furnish facilities for carrying on the work.

At St. Marys, the different denominations hold frequent meetings ; and publicly and privately the colored people receive a great deal of instruction in the Gospel, which is accessible to all who will attend.

Linton Grove Church, small in numbers, has labored assiduously for the population, by the agency of its members.

Augustine Church has generally maintained a system of instruction.—We are not informed of its present operation among the blacks.

In Tallahassee, efforts are made to place the Gospel before the slaves ; and masters are ready to support Ministers to them, when they can be procured.

The church at Darien has always watched over this class ; and in the town, and in the vicinity, has been engaged in this good work.

In Bryan County, a large part of the labors of the Minister of that church is devoted to the colored people.

In Savannah, the subject of instruction to the colored people, does not press with the same necessity, as in some other places.

There are three African churches, which have long been established, and they have Ministers who are capable of teaching them ; still the assistance of any of the churches is given, whenever needed.

On this subject, we consider, that God is turning the heart of the master to the servant, and the servant to the master.

We close our narrative here, and we ask that our brethren would bear us on their hearts in prayer to God for a gracious outpouring of his spirit on our churches and congregations.”

#### PRESBYTERY OF BETHEL.

The Presbytery of Bethel reports :

“ The Presbytery of Bethel reports to the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia that they are not authorized to state that they have witnessed any attention to the subject of religion that deserves the appellation of a revival. Yet they have no reason to despond. Our Churches begin to feel, to a greater extent than heretofore, the importance of enjoying the entire labors of the Pastor, and so have made efforts to obtain and support Pastors to dispense to them the bread of life. Three of our members are without a charge—one acts as stated supply to two Churches—nine have pastoral charges—and one of its Licentiates has accepted a call to undertake the pastoral charge of another. Thus our Churches are mostly supplied. A few small Societies only are destitute, and an effort is making to supply two or three of these with a Missionary. Our additions are about sufficient to fill the places of those who remove from us by emigration and death. The cause of Temperance, of Missions, and of Education, receive attention, though perhaps not to the extent desirable. The coloured population in our Churches are not neglected in our ministrations, and the success will be seen by a reference to our statistical report—where it will be seen that the Churches have enrolled from one to fifty-two members of that class of people.”

#### PRESBYTERY OF FLINT RIVER.

This Presbytery has also neglected to furnish Synod with any Report.

#### THE COLOURED POPULATION.

With regard to the religious instruction of the coloured population within our bounds, the Synod would express its heartfelt gratification in being able to state that there is evidently a growing attention on the part of our Bishops, Elders, and people, to this most important work. The aggregate

number of coloured persons reported by some thirty of our Churches as receiving *special religious instruction*, averages from 4,500 to 5,500, and the number of communicants to 863. This statement, it will be observed, refers to but a small portion of the Churches under the care of this body, and the numbers here given may be safely regarded as not more than one-half of the actual number now receiving such *special instruction*. This instruction is communicated to this people either by question and answer in the use of a Catechism, or by preaching. Upon the large plantations particularly, it has been found that the ignorance of the colored people generally, on the first principles of the Gospel is such, that nothing but the simplest possible mode of inculcating the elements of Gospel truth, could serve any valuable purpose, or reach the hearts of these "poor," to whom the Gospel is required to be preached. The ordinary preaching enjoyed by the white congregations proves, therefore, of little comparative benefit to them, at least where such additional instruction is not imparted. These statements, now given, do not therefore apply to the ordinary services of the sanctuary, and upon which also most of them attend, but only those religious services which are *specially intended* for their benefit. Accommodations are afforded to them in almost all our Churches where they are encouraged to attend—where they are often personally addressed—and where they have the Lord's Supper administered to them in the presence of the whole congregation.

#### CONCLUSION.

It will be apparent from the reports of these several Presbyteries, that while there is much for which to be grateful, it is at the same time manifest that the Churches, as far as embraced within the bounds of this Synod, appear to be under the influence of some withering evils. Although many of our Churches have been increased, and some partially blessed, yet no extensive revivals of religion are reported—nor have any general outpourings of the Divine Spirit awakened the thanksgiving of many unto the praise and glory of Divine grace.

As might be expected from this statement, we have the melancholy duty of recording and publishing the fact, that all our objects of benevolence are, as compared with previous years, in a languishing and declining condition. The great end for which God has established his Church, is, that by her, as a human instrumentality, he might gather into his heavenly fold the whole number of his elect and chosen family. This she can accomplish only by raising up such a number of fit and divinely qualified men as shall be sufficient to supply the destitutions at home, and the providential openings presented to her amid the waste howling wilderness of heathenism. This is the one great and all important object contemplated in the divine commission of the Church, and for the attainment of which she has been originally charted, and is continually preserved and blessed by God. It is, therefore, the solemn duty of the Church, and of every part of it, to aid in the furtherance of this commanded work.

For the achievement of this purpose, our church has divided this one great work into four distinct branches, under the direction of four different Boards, or Committees, for the better ordering and more efficient prosecution of these several departments. Thus, the supervision and education of those who are candidates for the office of the holy ministry is entrusted, so far as it is not comprised within the necessary functions of the several Presbyteries, to the Board of Committee of Education, and our Theological Seminary. The publication of works adapted to furnish the minds of such students—and our church members generally—with doctrinal and ecclesiastical knowledge, is entrusted to the care and zeal of the Board or

Committee of Publication. The supply of vacant and destitute churches—the assistance of such as are yet feeble—and the planting of new churches in desolate and unpeopled portions of our vast and extensive country, has been committed to our Board or Committee of Domestic Missions, in connexion with, and in subordination to, the direction of the several Presbyteries within whose bounds its Missionaries are sent, and to whom is reserved the entire jurisdiction over all their churches and ministers. And, in full completion of her duty and design, the church has entrusted the management of all that pertains to the extension of a preached Gospel to heathen countries, to her Board or Committee of Foreign Missions.

It is, therefore, most certain that each member of the church, and especially each Bishop and Elder, are necessarily under obligation to aid her according to their ability, in carrying on each and all of these constituent parts of her great design.

It is, therefore, with sincere regret, that we are obliged in fidelity to state that the Board of Education of this Synod has received, during the past year, so little assistance as to be, at this time, in debt to the amount of nearly \$1000—that the Board of Domestic Missions has not received from our churches any aid whatever—and that the resources of the Southern branch of the Board of Foreign Missions have been diminished to one half of the amount received during the past year, which was itself less than might most reasonably have been expected. Into the causes of this deficiency and general apathy it becomes us all, most seriously, to inquire. It cannot be accounted for by the pressure of the times, since, however severe this may have been, it has not certainly exhausted the resources of *seven eighths* of all our churches, so as to disable them from rendering even a *measure of assistance*. There is manifestly existing among her members a prevalent insensibility to the true character of these operations of the church, and to that reverential regard for her demands to which, as Presbyterians, we are sacredly pledged. The Synod would press this subject upon the consideration of her churches. Surely no reason can excuse any Bishop or church from co-operation in these labors of love which is not of greater strength than the positive obligation under which the Church lies to perform them. But can any such reason be produced? Or can any church, or individual, shelter themselves from the urgent call of activity and devotedness behind an excuse which assumes that it is more imperative to abstain from all co-operation with the Church in these various operations, than, as members of her, to obey the plain and positive command of her Divine Head. These several Boards are the organs of the Church, and it is through them she attempts to develope her resources, and to make them bear most powerfully against the strongholds of sin and Satan. Let us then come up to her help—and to her help in each of these designs—that under the blessing of God, she may appear “fair as the moon; clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners.”

In this way may we expect to receive the Divine favor, and, in blessing others, to be ourselves blessed of God. When we are found willing to communicate, ready to distribute—and zealously affected towards every good work—laboring with all our might to upbuild the walls of our spiritual Jerusalem—Then, and only then, can we look for the rich and abiding presence of our exalted Saviour, to help, succour and defend.

Finally, Brethren, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. These things which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, do—and the God of peace shall be with you.

A Committee of Publication was appointed, consisting of Mr. Gildersleeve and Mr. Smyth.

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*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Synod be tendered to the citizens of Augusta, for the kindness and hospitality extended to the members of this body ; and that the Rev. Mr. Cunningham be requested to give publication to this Resolution, in such manner as he may deem most expedient.

Synod then adjourned to meet in the Second Presbyterian Church Charleston, on the Thursday before the 3rd Sabbath of November, 1841, at 7 o'clock P. M.

Concluded with singing, prayer, and the Apostolical Benediction.

A. W. LELAND, *Moderator.*

B. GILDERSLEEVE, *Stated Clerk.*

## APPENDIX.

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### THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY OF THE SYNOD OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND GEORGIA.

#### OFFICERS.

Hon. JOB JOHNSTON, *President.*  
 Rev. R. W. JAMES, *Vice-President.*  
 Rev. B. GILDERSLEEVE, *Secretary.*  
 WILLIAM LAW, (Columbia,) *Treasurer.*

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

##### *Directors for Three Years.*

MINISTERS.—R. W. James, J. B. Davies, C. C. Jones, S. K. Talmage, I. S. K. Axson, A. N. Cunningham.

LAYMEN.—G. T. Snowden, of Columbia, S. C.; W. K. Clowney, of Newbury, S. C.; Hugh Wilson, of Wadmalaw, S. C.; P. F. Eve, of Augusta, Geo.

##### *For Two Years.*

MINISTERS.—S. J. Cassels, N. Hoyt, J. Witherspoon, D. D., J. L. R. Davies, S. B. Lewers, J. H. Thornwell.

LAYMEN.—Hon. Job Johnson, of Newbury; Dr. T. L. Dunlap, of Lancaster; William King, of Charleston; and William Shear, of Augusta.

##### *For One Year.*

MINISTERS.—William A. McDowell, D. D., B. Gildersleeve, A. Church, D. D., S. S. Davis, T. Smyth, I. W. Waddel.

LAYMEN.—D. Ewart, of Columbia; Dr. T. Wells, of do.; E. A. Nisbet, of Macon, Ga.; B. King, of Liberty County, Ga.

#### FACULTY.

Rev. G. HOWE, D. D., Professor of Biblical Literature.

Rev. A. W. LELAND, D. D., Professor of Christian Theology.

— — — — —, Professor of Church History and Polity.

A meeting of the Board was held in Augusta, Ga., commencing on the 28th of November, 1839, and ending on the 4th of December.

*Executive Committee.*—Rev. J. H. Thornwell, G. T. Snowden, Esq., David Ewart, Esq., Dr. Thomas Wells, and William Law, Esq.

The Executive Committee are authorized to appoint an Agent for the endowment of the Seminary, provided that the one appointed should decline serving.

An appropriation was made by the Board of Sixty-eight Dollars and forty cents, (\$68 40) to pay expences incurred by the Librarian for periodicals, postage, binding, &c.

An appropriation was also made of Two Hundred Dollars, (\$200) for the purchase of the Universal History, the works of Thomas Aquinas, the Madgeburg Centuriators, and other works to be selected by the Professors in connexion with the Rev. Mr. Smyth.

Rev. C. C. Jones was appointed on the Investing Committee for Georgia, in the place of B. E. Hand, Esq. deceased.

The Faculty were instructed to admit Beneficiaries to the vacant Scholarship in the Institution, and to report to the Board the names of such Beneficiaries—the particular Scholarship on which they were placed—the time when they were received on such Scholarship—and the amount which the Beneficiaries receive, to be passed on by the Board.

The Treasurer was authorized to invest Four Hundred Dollars in profitable stock to complete one of the Scholarships—the same having been paid by the funders of the Scholarship, and though ordered before to be invested, it had not been done.

All investments to be made in the corporate title of the Institution, viz: "The Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia"—and all notes to be secured by responsible endorsers.

The Standing Building Committee at Columbia were directed to make the alterations and repairs which were ordered last year, viz: the removal of an outbuilding, the filling up of an excavation, the repair of the cornice, gutters, &c.—and present their bill to be passed on by the Executive Committee.

The Reports of the Treasurer, and of the Investing Committees were approved by the Board, so far as received. From William Dearing, Esq. one of the Investing Committee of Georgia, no report was received. And no Report from the Executive Committee, the Chairman of which had removed from out bounds.

The Rev. S. S. Davis was appointed to correspond with the Rev. H. Reid in relation to his obligations to the Board.

## EXTRACTS FROM THE PROFESSOR'S REPORT, APPROVED.

Since our last Report to the Board one Seminary year has terminated, and another has commenced. By the good providence of God, we have been favored with health, our usual exercises have been maintained, and our studies pursued with a good degree of order and diligence.

The Professor of Biblical Literature has pursued, in general, the same course of instruction in his own department as was mentioned in our last annual report. He has in addition had a small voluntary class in the elements of the Syriac and Chaldee languages; and during the early part of last year instructed the Senior Class in the composition of sermons, using Dr. Porter's Lectures as a text-book. During the latter part of the year he heard recitations in Mosheim's Church History from the Senior Class. He has resumed the study of Sermonizing, and the criticism of Sermons with the Senior Class of the present year.

The Professor of Christian Theology, besides performing the duties of his department, as represented in our last Report, has attended to the recitations of the Senior Class in Campbell's Rhetoric; during the last term criticised their Sermons, heard recitations from the Middle Class in Church History, instructed the two upper Classes in the Confession of Faith, and conducted them through a course of reading upon Church Government, using the "Form of Government" and Miller's Letters as text books.

The arrangements made by the Executive Committee, after the last meeting of Synod, for additional instruction in the Seminary, failed almost wholly. Professor Thornwell found it inconsistent with his duties in College to grant the assistance requested, and Dr. Witherspoon's ill health prevented his meeting the classes more than a few times.

The Tuesday evening debates and declamations have been continued as usual.

The time appropriated to the Wednesday evening Conference has been occupied by the Professors with familiar Lectures on the subject of Pastoral Theology and Ministerial Conduct; and we hope these Conferences have been useful to the Students by suggesting to their minds those principles which should guide them in their future lives, as Ministers of the Gospel.

The meetings of the Faculty have been held in due form, once a month, agreeably to the Constitution of the Seminary; but much of our less important business has been done informally, as we have met at evening prayers or at other times, and is not entered on our records.

The following Students have been connected with the Seminary during the past year:

*In the Senior Class.*

Mr. J. C. Brown, a native of Ohio, and graduate of Jefferson College, Pennsylvania.

Mr. A. B. Cunningham, a native of Ohio, and graduate of Washington College, Pennsylvania.

Mr. L. W. Curtis, a native of New York, and graduate of Union College.

Mr. David Finley, a native of Georgia, and graduate of Franklin College.

Mr. John Jones, a native of Georgia, and graduate of Franklin College.

*In the Middle Class.*

Mr. William Banks, a native of South Carolina, and graduate of Franklin College.

Mr. James R. Gilland, a native of Pennsylvania, and graduate of Jefferson College, Pennsylvania.

Mr. M. M. McCleskey, a native of Georgia, and graduate of the College of East Tennessee.

Mr. George W. McCoy, a native of Georgia, and graduate of Franklin College.

Mr. Hugh M. Munroe, a native of North Carolina, from the Donaldson Academy at Fayetteville.

Mr. T. M. Newell, a native of Pennsylvania, and graduate of Washington College.

Mr. E. F. Rockwell, a native of Connecticut, and graduate of Yale College.

*In the Junior Class.*

Mr. James W. Dunwody, a native of Georgia, and graduate of Yale College.

Mr. James C. Emerson, a native of Alabama, and graduate of Marion College.

Mr. George G. Gregg, a native of South Carolina, and graduate of South Carolina College.

Mr. William P. Harrison, a native of Georgia, and graduate of Franklin College.

Mr. Samuel H. Hay, a native of South Carolina, and graduate of South Carolina College.

Mr. John McIver, a native of North Carolina, from Donaldson Academy.

Mr. Neil McKay, a native of North Carolina, and graduate of Union College.

Mr. Peter McNab, a native of North Carolina, from Donaldson Academy.

Mr. B. M. Palmer, a native of South Carolina, and graduate of Franklin College.

Mr. M. A. Patterson, a native of North Carolina, and graduate of Nassau Hall.

Mr. Colin Shaw, a native of North Carolina, and graduate of the University of North Carolina.

Mr. Albert Williams, a native of Georgia, and graduate of Franklin College.

Mr. J. D. Williams, a native of South Carolina, and graduate of South Carolina College.

Mr. Peter Winn, a native of Georgia, and graduate of Franklin College.

Mr. James Woods, a native of Massachusetts.

Making the whole number of Students connected with the Seminary during the year closing on the 15th July, Twenty-seven. Of these, one, Mr. M'Cleskey, has been absent the whole year, engaged in teaching, leaving twenty-seven, the whole number in attendance at any one time on the duties of the Seminary.

The term of study closed with six of these young gentlemen in July last, and they are now in the Ministry. One of them has devoted himself to labors in heathen countries as a Missionary of the Cross. Three others, members of the Middle Class, have taken dismissions from the Seminary. One, Mr. Newell, to join the Western Theological Seminary near Pittsburg, and two others, Mr. Gilland and Mr. Rockwell, to receive license as Preachers of the Gospel. Two also of the Junior Class, Mr. Shaw and Mr. Williams, have taken dismissions and joined the Union Seminary, leaving, in connection with the two upper Classes of the present Scholastic year, seventeen Students. Of these, three, Messrs. M'Coy, M'Cleskey, and McNab, have not yet returned to the Seminary, but are expected.

Two have arrived to join the Junior Class—Mr. A. A. Porter, of Alabama, a graduate of Nassau Hall, and Mr. Zelotes L. Holmes, a native of New York, and graduate of the College of East Tennessee.

Another, Mr. David E. Frierson, a member of the South Carolina College, is expected to join us after Monday the 2d instant, on which day he graduates. Whether others will join us the present year is unknown to your Professors. One or two may, perhaps, be expected. We have to lament in common with the friends of Christ throughout our Southern country, the dearth of candidates for the sacred office; a dearth which, besides its evil consequences, throws a gloom over

the spirit of those whom their brethren have appointed to educate for the Church its rising Ministry.

The Students during the past year have, in general, been diligent in the employment of their time, and have maintained a correct deportment as men and Christians.

Each Class has usually daily recitations; and besides the time occupied in these, their evenings are mostly employed in various exercises. The Society of Inquiry respecting Missions, occupies Monday evening once a month, and the Sunday School Concert, attended by many of them, another.—Tuesday evening is occupied by the Debates, Declamations, and other Rhetorical exercises of the Seminary. Wednesday evening, by the Professors' Conference—Thursday, by the Prayer Meeting of the Columbia Church, attended by most of the Students, and Saturday evening by the Student's Prayer Meeting, held among themselves in the Seminary.

The Society of Inquiry on Missions, the Atheneum, the Tract Society, reported to you last year, are in active operation, and the Students are similarly employed in Sunday Schools on the Sabbath, and in acts of usefulness when an opportunity offers.

The Boarding Establishment of the Students has been conducted by themselves as in former years, at an expense to each Student of \$83 46 cents, for the year. The comfort and health of the Students have been promoted by their garden and the exercise which its culture has afforded; and its proceeds have contributed to the variety and economy of their table.

The Annual Examination took place at the close of the term in July. It was attended by only two members of the Committees appointed by the several Presbyteries, at the direction of Synod. And in consequence of the absence of all but two members of the Senior Class at the close of the term, the Anniversary exercises prescribed by the Constitution could not be held. In lieu of them, Dissertations were read by all the Students on topics selected by the Professors, to an audience assembled on two successive evenings in the Seminary Chapel.

It was a subject of regret that we could not close the year with our Classes full. But ill health in two instances, and their own private plans and arrangements in others, induced several of the Students to prefer requests for leave of absence in such a form that the Professors could not refuse them.—We have no doubt that the failure of those arrangements made for the supply of instruction in the department of Church History and Polity, was one reason why so many requests of this kind were preferred, though this reason was not in any instance alleged.

In conclusion, the Professors beg leave to remind the Board that there is a necessity for looking critically into the state of our funds, and of providing for the extinguishment of those debts which are accumulating upon us. The appointment of a third Professor will also claim your attention, and of the desirableness of this the Board can judge without any expression of opinion from us. We are not willing that an Institution for which so much has already been done should be left to languish. Every year shows its importance to this part of our land, and gives us indications that if the Board and Synod will be true to the cause they have undertaken, and make the efforts demanded, the Institution can be placed on a permanent basis. But the Seminary must be kept constantly before the minds of God's people, that they may remember it in their prayers, and in their benefactions, and that when they leave this world and are looking around them for worthy objects on which to bestow a portion of that wealth they no longer need, they may remember us, and give to Christ and his Church to found an Institution which may be perpetuated and bless generations after us.

A proposition was made to the Synod of Alabama, by letter, to unite with this Synod in the support of our Seminary : that Synod took action on the subject, with what result we are not yet informed. But we think the attempt to unite the two Synods for this purpose will be successful, if properly seconded by the Board and our own Synod.

But brethren, we leave these subjects for your wise legislation and energetic action. May He, to whom we look as our King and Saviour, be present with you, and assist you and us, his unworthy subjects, to be faithful to the charge he has committed to our trust.

Respectfully submitted by

GEORGE HOWE, }  
A. W. LELAND. } Professors.

Theological Seminary, Columbia, Nov. 25, 1839.

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EXTRACTS FROM THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF WAYS  
AND MEANS, ADOPTED BY THE BOARD.

From reports received from Investing Committees, and the Treasurer, it appears that the Permanent Fund of the Seminary, the proceeds of which can be appropriated to the current expenses of the Institution, amounts to fifty thousand eight hundred and forty-three dollars thirteen cents, (\$50,843 13,) the probable interest of which will be \$4466. Besides this

fund there are three Scholarships, one in Georgia \$2,500, and two in South Carolina, about \$5000. Of these funds, \$27,248 are in South Carolina, and invested in different stocks, with the exception of \$892. Of the funds in Georgia, \$18,090 are in the hands of R. King, Administrator on the estate of B. E. Hand, and these funds the Committee think ought to be invested as soon as practicable.

Nine thousand two hundred and fifty-five dollars (\$9,255) are under the control of Mr. Campbell, the most of which he states is invested. \$2,500 are invested in the Georgia Rail Road and Banking Company; and it is believed there is in the hands of Mr. Dearing at least \$1259 not invested. From Mr. Dearing, however, no report has been received.

There are yet subscriptions due, but to what amount the Committee have not the means of ascertaining.

There will be due the Institution from the Permanent Fund in Georgia, on the 1st of January next, about \$2,400. And the Institution will, at that time, have about \$3,000 on the current expenses of 1839.

There will be due about the 1st of January something from the Permanent Fund in South Carolina, but the Committee deem it unnecessary to take account of this, as it will not be in hand until the commencement of the next year.

There is now probably due by the Institution to Mrs. Hall, nearly \$9,000; for the payment of which the Committee think immediate means should be provided.

It will be seen from a statement of the funds, that they are now barely sufficient to support two Professors, without leaving any thing of importance for the increase of the Library, or for the contingent expenses of the Institution.

The Committee think that immediate, and vigorous, and untiring efforts should be made to fully endow the Institution, and to place it upon a foundation on which it will afford advantages equal to those afforded by any similar institution in the country. A permanent fund, in addition to that already possessed, of at least \$50,000, should be secured, for the purpose of endowing two additional Professorships.

The Library of the Institution, though a respectable beginning, is only the beginning. At least \$10,000 should at once be raised for the increase of the Library; and provision made for its annual increase afterwards.

Our Professors are without houses; and the Committee think that provision should be made to supply this defect in the full establishment of the Seminary. To any one acquainted with the expenses attendant upon supporting a family in this part of the country, the salaries given our Professors will appear sufficiently limited were they furnished houses.

The Seminary buildings for the accommodation of Students are also too limited, and ought evidently to be enlarged.

To accomplish the objects above alluded to, the Committee think an active and proper Agent should be at once sent forth to present them to the Churches, and to endeavor by every possible means to secure the necessary funds.

The Seminary has been so long before the Churches that familiarity has, in some measure destroyed that intense interest which new objects are calculated to excite. It will be necessary, therefore, to have an Agent who will feel himself a deep interest in this great and important work, and who will also be able to excite a deep interest in the hearts of others. The Committee, therefore, recommend to the Directors the following resolutions to be proposed to the Synod for its adoption, viz:—

1st. *Resolved*, That it is expedient and important that immediate steps be taken to endow two other Professorships in our Theological Seminary.

2d. *Resolved*, That it is expedient and important to raise at least the sum of \$10,000 for the increase of the Library.

3d. *Resolved*, That the Directors be instructed to employ, as soon as his services can be procured, an efficient Agent, who will devote his undivided time to the objects of the above resolutions.

The Board deem it inexpedient, in the present embarrassed state of the country to recommend the appointment of another Professor at this meeting of the Synod—But they would suggest the importance of requesting the Rev. J. H. Thornwell to furnish such instruction in the Seminary as his pastoral duties will permit—and in making the arrangement for such instruction he confer with the Professors.

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#### THE LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

The Librarian reports to the Board of Directors, that there have been presented to the Library, during the year, 12 volumes; and that the number of books now in the Library is 3631—constituting a very valuable collection of books for the common purposes of a Theological Student. Mr. William A. Banks has acted as assistant Librarian the past year, and kept the Library in good condition. During the vacation, the Librarian assisted by Messrs. Harrison, Monroe, and Patterson, spent a fortnight in re-arranging the Library, numbering the volumes, and entering the numbers in the catalogue, and labelling all the books; an undertaking which we found attended.

with no small labor. The Library is now as convenient for the purpose of reference as we know how to make it. The several departments of Theology have their respective locations in the Library, and the shelf on which any book is placed, and the location of that book on the shelf can be found by referring to the catalogue.

It has been found necessary to repair some of the books in constant use, and to have others re-bound. The expenses of the Library have thus been somewhat increased, and the bill covering these and other expenses for the last two years, is herewith transmitted. Respectfully submitted by

GEORGE HOWE, *Librarian.*

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY OF THE SYNOD OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND GEORGIA.

*Extracts from the Minutes.*

AUGUSTA, Geo., Nov. 25, 1840, §  
Half past 6 o'clock, P. M.

The Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer, by the Rev. S. S. Davis.

The President and Vice-President both being absent, Rev. S. S. Davis, the former Vice-President, was called to the Chair.

PRESENT.—*Ministers*—B. Gildersleeve, S. S. Davis, W. A. McDowell, D. D., S. J. Cassels; T. Smyth, and A. N. Cunningham.

*Laymen*.—William Shear, and Dr. Paul F. Eve.

The minutes were read.

A Committee of Audits was appointed, consisting of Mr. Smyth and Mr. Shear.

A Committee of Ways and Means, consisting of Dr. McDowell, S. S. Davis, Mr. Cassels, and Mr. Shear.

A Committee of Laws and Regulations, consisting of Mr. Talmage and Mr. Gildersleeve.

A Committee on the Library, consisting of Mr. Smyth and Mr. Cassels.

A Committee on the Buildings, consisting of Mr. Cassels and Mr. Shear.

The Treasurer's Report was received and read, and referred to the Committee of Audits.

Mr. Robert Campbell, one of the Investing Committee of Georgia, sent in his report, which was referred to the same Committee, who were also instructed to report on Mr. Campbell's resignation of his office as a member of the Investing Committee of Georgia.

The Board then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

*Thursday Morning, 10 o'clock.*

The Board met according to adjournment.

The Committee of Audits reported that they had examined the Treasurer's and Mr. Campbell's account, and found them correct.

A statement of the funds in the hands of R. & W. King, Executors of the estate of B. E Hand deceased, by Rev. C. C. Jones, together with a draft of Messrs. Kings on Charleston, sixty days sight, of \$607 20, was received and read, and the statement of funds was referred to the Committee of Audits. The draft was ordered to be forwarded to the Treasurer, William Law, Esq. Columbia.

The Professor's Report was read and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

The Librarian's Report was read and referred to the Committee on the Library.

The Treasurer's and Mr. Campbell's reports were referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

The Committee of Audits reported that they had examined the statement of the funds in the hands of the Messrs. Kings, and as far as they have the means of ascertaining they find them correct. The statement was then referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

The minutes of the Faculty were presented and referred to the Committee of Laws and Regulations.

The Committee of Audits, who were instructed to report on the resignation of Mr. Campbell, presented the following, which was adopted, viz : That the Board tender their thankful acknowledgements to Mr. Campbell for the zeal and fidelity with which he has discharged the very responsible trust committed to his hands, and for the very full and satisfactory report which he has presented, and that the Secretary be instructed to furnish Mr. Campbell with a copy of this resolution.

Mr. Talmage, Dr. Church, J. B. Davies, N. Hoyt, and B. King, appeared in the Board, and rendered satisfactory reasons for not coming sooner.

The Committee on the Library, to whom the Librarian's Report was referred, presented their report recommending its approval, and also the appropriation of \$48 08, to cover the expenses incurred, and also to purchase the books recommended by the Librarian, and now in his hands—which was adopted and the appropriation made.

The Committee of Ways and Means were also instructed to report to the Board whether the state of the funds will allow any, and if any, what amount, for the further increase of the Library, under the direction of a Committee of the Library.

The Committee of Ways and Means were further instructed to nominate some suitable individual as the successor of Mr. Campbell on the Investing Committee of Georgia.

*Friday Evening, 7 o'clock.*

The Committee of Audits on the papers referred to them, presented their report, stating that from the evidence before them they found them to be correct.

The some papers were then committed to the Committee of Ways and Means.

The Committee of Ways and Means presented their Report, in part, which was accepted.

A Committee from the Trustees of Oglethorpe University was introduced to the Board, when through their Chairman, Rev. Mr. Bowman, a proposition was made for the removal of the seat of the Theological Seminary from Columbia to Midway, the seat of Oglethorpe University. After a free expression from the members of the Committee and members of the Board, the Board had a recess to meet at the call of the President.

*Monday Morning, half past 11 o'clock.*

The Board met at the call of the President.

The Board was informed that the Synod had that day elected the following members for the three ensuing years, viz:

*Ministers.*—W. A. McDowell, D. D., B. Gildersleeve, S. S. Davis, T. Smyth, A. Church, D. D., and D. Humphreys.

*Laymen.*—William Dearing, E. A. Nisbet, B. King and Dr. T. Wells.

Messrs. Humphreys and Dearing being present took their seats.

The Committee of Ways and Means offered their report, which was read, when on motion it was resolved to present it to the Synod as our Report, in part.

The Board to whom was referred the letter of Messrs. White and Palmer, agreed to recommend to the Synod that the letter be laid on the table.

The Board had a recess to meet at the call of the President.

*Tuesday Evening, Dec. 1—7 o'clock.*

The Board met at the call of the President.

*Resolved,* That sundry notes in the hands of William Dearing amounting, as per his Report, to \$1,514 57, be collected and invested at his discretion in available stock—the interest due on said notes, when collectad, to be sent to the Treasurer for the Contingent Fund.

*Resolved,* That Robert A. Reid, Esq., be appointed an associate to William Dearing on the Investing Committee of Georgia.

The Notes which were returned by Mr. Campbell, amounting to \$9,255, were committed to Mr. Dearing.

*Resolved*, That Mr. Reid be specially requested and authorized to investigate the state of the funds in the low country of Georgia, and that the Secretary furnish him with the requisite papers.

*Resolved*, That the Secretary inform Mr. Law of the action of the Synod and of the Board in his case.

The Committee on Laws and Regulations reported, that they had no new arrangements to recommend, and that the Book of the Faculty be approved.

*Resolved*, That the same officers be continued the ensuing year.

*Resolved*, That Dr. Howe as principal, and Dr. Leland as alternate, be appointed a delegate to the Synod of Alabama, and that their expenses be incurred.

The following Executive Committee were appointed, viz: G. T. Snowden, Dr. T. Wells, D. Ewart, William Law, and Rev. J. H. Thornwell.

The following Building Committee was appointed, consisting of William Law, Mr. Snowden, Dr. Leland, and Dr. Howe, with instructions to repair the house on the adjoining lot.

The Board adjourned to meet in the Lecture Room of the 2d Presbyterian Church, Charleston, on the Wednesday evening before the next meeting of Synod, Nov. 1841.

Concluded with prayer.

B. GILDERSLEEVE, *Secretary.*

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF WAYS AND MEANS.

##### *Amount of Funds invested in South Carolina.*

Permanent funds for the support of Professors, and other expenses of the Institution, per report of last year,	\$27,248 00
In the hands of the Investing committee,	1,434 92
Lanneau Scholarship, when presented,	3,000 00
Scholarship of the Congregational and Presbyterian Female Education Society, Charleston,	2,500 00
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Total invested in South Carolina,	\$34,182 29
Of the above sum, there belongs to the Northern Professorship,	3,176 37
Scholarships,	5,500 00
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	8,676 37
Balance for Professorships in South Carolina,	25,506 55
The above is invested in Bank and other Stocks.	

The Scrips are in the hands of the Treasurer, Mr. Law, except for the Lanneau scholarship, which is in the hands of the Rev. B. Gildersleeve.

*Amount of Permanent Funds invested in Georgia.*

In Bonds, and Notes secured by mortgages—in the hands of R. King, Esq. Ex'r. of the late B.

E. Hand, 18,090 03

5 Shares in the Planter's Bank, Savannah, 400 00

In Notes and Bonds, as reported by Robt. Campbell, Esq. 9,255 00

Reported by Wm. Dearing, Esq.:

25 Shares in Georgia Rail Road, 2,500 00

In Notes and Bonds, 1,514 57

On subscription in the hands of Rev. S. S. Davis,  
not less than 500,00

Total invested and held in Georgia, \$32,239 60

The above includes the Newphew Scholarship, 2,500 00

For Northern Professorship, 8,450 58

The balance belongs to the Georgia Professorship,  
amounting to 10,950 58

\$21,303 02

Total of funds invested in South Carolina, for  
support of Professors, &c. 25,500 55

In do. 2 Scholarships, 5,500 00

In Georgia, for Professorship, 21,303 02

Nephew Scholarship, 2,500 00

In S. C. and Georgia, for Northern Professorship, 11,632 95

Total of Permanent Fund, \$66,552 52

*Contingent Fund in hand, or that will be available during the year.*

Received at this meeting a draft from R. King,  
Esq. interest on \$7,590 03, up to Nov. 1840, 607 20

By Wm. Dearing, Esq. interest on E. Newton's  
note for \$1000, up to Jan. 1841, 320 00

In the hands of Mr. Snowden, interest, 104 11

From W. Dearing, interest \$93 93, donation \$6 07, 100 00

Do. for house rent, 102 75

Interest now due on notes, reported by Mr. Dearing, say, 400 00

Interest on Professorship in Georgia, say 2,400 00

Interest on Stock in South Carolina, say 1,500 00

Total of probable available funds, \$5,434 95

To be provided for :	
Professors' salaries, to Jan. 1st, 1841,	1,216 20
Do. for the three ensuing quarters, up to October 1st, 1841,	3,000 00
Bill for repairs,	80 87
For the Library authorized by the Board,	48 08
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	\$4,245 15

In addition to the above in 1835—there was due to Mrs. Hall, for the Seminary building, amounting, as then reported to \$6022 22—This sum the Committee suppose is still due on the buildings, together with interest for four or five years. Precisely what amount of interest is due, the Committee have not been able to ascertain. The Committee would recommend that measures be taken as speedily as possible to ascertain the amount of interest due, and to have it paid. The Committee also think it desirable that measures should be adopted to liquidate this debt as speedily as practicable.

There will be during the year, probably the following amount of funds for investment:

50 Shares Insurance Stock, Columbia, S. C. par value,	5,000 00
In the hands of R. King, Esq. and will probably be paid during the year,	3,590 02
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	\$8,590 02

Together with what may collected for the permanent fund on present subscription.

The Committee would call the attention of the Board to an order passed by them at their last meeting, for investing the sum of \$400, to replace that amount which has been taken from one of our Scholarships for contingencies. The Committee believe this investment has not been made, and they think, in justice to those who founded that Scholarship, and paid the full amount, it should be done with as little delay as possible. They would therefore recommend that the Treasurer be requested to make this investment out of the first available funds in his hands.

From the Report of the Professors it appears there is a serious deficiency in funds for the support of indigent Students; and that unless funds are obtained for this object it is feared some Students now in the Seminary will be under the painful necessity of leaving the Institution. Such an event in the present limited number of Students, would be deplorable indeed. We cannot afford, at the present moment, to lose a single promising student; and we are fully persuaded such

would be the feeling of the whole Church if the subject were fairly presented to them. The Churches in this Synod certainly would not hesitate, for a moment, to furnish the small amount of funds necessary, for completely educating their sons, now at the Seminary, and preparing for usefulness in the Ministry. The Committee would recommend this subject to the most serious attention of the Board and Synod. As this subject will come before the Synod in another form, the Committee forbear at present submitting any plan for obtaining the funds necessary; they would, however, repeat their deep conviction that prompt and energetic measures should be adopted to obtain the funds required.

In regard to the Library, the Committee think energetic measures should be adopted for its increase, and that the plan should embrace its continued annual increase. The present embarrassed state of the country probably renders it inexpedient to make any special general effort for a large increase of funds during the present year, either for this object or for the more complete endowment of the Seminary; but if all our Churches could be prevailed upon to make collections for this object, to such amount as they may be able, an important addition might be made to the Library. And such collections made annually would be very important to the Seminary, and would go far towards preventing embarrassment, until such time as the Seminary shall be fully endowed.

The Committee would therefore suggest that the following resolutions be submitted to the Synod for their adoption:

*Resolved* 1, That it be most earnestly recommended to all the Pastors and Churches connected with this Synod, on, or before the first Sabbath in May next, to take up a collection for the incidental expenses of the Seminary and increase of the Library, and that the same be transmitted to the Treasurer, Mr. Law.

*Resolved* 2, That it be referred to the Board of Directors to make such arrangements, as they may deem best, for the purchase of books for the Library, as they may have the means of purchasing from any contingent fund which may be in their hands after meeting the necessary incidental expenses of the Institution. It being understood that they are not at liberty to use for this purpose any of the Permanent Fund—nor to incur a debt to be provided for hereafter.

*Resolved*, That the minutes of the Board connected with the resignation of Mr. Campbell, Esq., be published in connection with this Report.

## REPORT OF THE PROFESSORS, Nov. 1840.

To the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia, the Professors respectfully present the following as their Annual Report :

At the commencement of the last Seminary year, when our last report was made, there were belonging to the Institution nineteen students, viz :

William Banks, A. B., of Franklin College, Geo.

George W. McCoy, A. B., of Franklin College, Geo.

H. A. Munroe

James B. Dunwody, A. B., of Franklin College, Geo.

William C. Emerson, A. B., of Madison College, Ala.

George C. Gregg, A. B. of South Carolina College.

William P. Harrison, A. B., of Franklin College, Geo.

Samuel H. Hay, A. B., of South Carolina College.

John L. McIver.

Neil McKay, A. B., of Union College, N. Y.

Peter McNab, Candidate of Fayetteville Presbytery, N. C.

B. M. Palmer, A. B., of Franklin College, Geo.

M. A. Patterson, A. B., of Nassau Hall, N. J.

J. D. Wilson, A. B., of South Carolina College.

Peter Winn, A. B., of Franklin College, Geo.

James Woods, Candidate of Bethel Presbytery.

David F. Frierson, A. B., of South Carolina College.

Zelotes L. Holmes, A. B., of University of E. Tennessee.

Abner A. Porter. A. B., of Nassau Hall, N. J.

In April, Certificates were granted to Messrs. Wm. Banks, and H. A. Munro, permitting them to apply for licence, which they did, and were both licenced to preach the Gospel. Mr. G. W. McCoy of the Senior Class, left the Seminary without taking a dismission.

During the year, all the exercises of the Institution were regularly attended to, and the students generally, by their diligence in study, their obedience to the rules and regulations of the Institution, and their exemplary deportment, acted worthily of their sacred destination.

All the departments of instruction were filled and appropriated as follows.

The Professor of Biblical Literature instructed the Junior Class in the Hebrew Language, in the Exegesis of Greek and Hebrew Scriptures, on the principles of interpretation and Biblical Antiquities—the Middle Class in exegetical exercises, in the Greek and Hebrew Scriptures—and the Senior Class in Homiletics, on the composition and delivery of Sermons, and Ecclesiastical History. He also delivered twice a week, generally, lectures on the history of ancient law,

guages, the languages of the Old and New Testaments, and Exegetical of several books of Holy Scripture.

The Professor of Theology conducted the Junior Class through a course of Natural Theology—Evidences of Christianity, and the inspiration of the Scriptures, and the Divine Attributes—the Middle Class through the Elements of Mental Philosophy or Metaphysics—a general system of Didactic and Polemic Theology and the Christian Sacraments ; and the Senior Class through Campbell's Philosophy of Rhetoric ; the Confession of Faith, and the Government and Discipline of the Presbyterian Church, the constitution of the Christian Ministry, the examination and comparison of various modes of Church Government, and special instructions relative to ministerial and pastoral duties. He also gave two or three lectures weekly upon Systematic Theology.

The stated Conference was also kept up one evening in each week, in which the Professors discussed some important subject for the improvement of the students. Another evening also, in every week, was devoted to forensic disputation in which all the students took part, or to original declamations by the Middle Class, or to the reading of sermons by the Seniors. The two lower classes were also required, by the Professors of Theology, to prepare and read dissertations regularly and frequently upon some assigned topic in Divinity.

At the close of the term in July, an examination took place of all the Classes in all their respective studies, which continued two days. On this examination, two of the Directors of the Seminary attended most of the time. During the progress of the examination, public exercises were held in the Chapel on two successive evenings, in which the students of all the classes delivered discourses upon several interesting subjects in Theology, and Biblical Literature. Both the examination and the public exercises were regarded, we believe, with general approbation.

William Banks and H. A. Munroe received certificates of having completed the entire course of studies in the Seminary.

After the vacation, the exercises of the Institution were recommenced 20th October. Only two students have as yet entered the Junior Class, viz : Mr. Richard Way of Liberty County Georgia, and Mr. Christian Logan of the Presbytery of South Carolina. The number of new students would have been much greater already, if the Professors could have pledged assistance to those who wished to enter as Beneficiaries.— But the embarrassed state of the Education Committee, who have already advanced a large sum obtained by loan; rendered such a pledge out of the question.

The present number of students connected with the Seminary is eighteen.

For the present year, the Professors have assigned to the several Scholarships, the following students as beneficiaries, viz :—

To the Charleston Scholarship,—George E. Gregg.

To the Nephew Scholarship,—M. A. Patterson.

To the Lanneau Scholarship, — — —.

The Professors further report that Peter Winn and P. McNab, have been absent for several months from ill health; and James Woods has left the Seminary without a dismission, and has obtained licence to preach the Gospel.

Respectfully submitted.

GEORGE HOWE, }  
A. W. LELAND. } *Theol. Professors.*

#### LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

The Librarian of the Theological Seminary reports to the Board of Directors that the following additions have been made to the Library during the past year, viz :

By purchase, as directed by the Board :

Calvini Opera, 9 volumes, folio,	\$45 00
The Universal History, 64 vols. 8vo.	63 00
Mischna Surenhusii, 3 volumes, folio,	32 00
Madgeburg Centuries, 3 volumes, folio,	30 00
'Thos Aquinatis Opera, 28 volumes in fourteen, 4to.	38 00
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	\$208 00
Bible News, by Noah Worcester,	38
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Making in all, \$208 38

Of this sum \$193 was contributed by the Congregation of the 2d Presbyterian Church, Charleston.

There have been presented to the Seminary in the last year, A Translation of the Psalms for the Presbyterian Church in Polynesia, presented by the Translator, Rev. Dr. Lang; A Harmony of the four Gospels on the plan of Lieut Carpenter, and a complete set of the Baltimore Literary and Religious Magazine, presented by Samuel Weir, Esq.; Lectures of A. Bruce, at the Theological Academy of the Associate Synod, Whitbrun, presented by Rev. Thomas Smyth; Apocryphal New Testament, presented by Mrs. Nason, of Fairfield District; Septuagint, 8vo. London, 1653, presented by Col. Henry Cumming, Henry County, Georgia—making the whole num-

ber of volumes now belonging to the Seminary Library, 3,730.

The Society of Inquiry has in its possession about 160 volumes principally on Missionary subjects, making the whole number of volumes now belonging to the Seminary—3890.

GEO. HOWE, *Librarian.*

#### REPORT OF THE SYNODICAL COMMITTEE OF EDUCATION.

The Committee to whom has been entrusted the management of the funds raised, within the bounds of this Synod, for the purpose of assisting indigent young men in obtaining an education for the ministry, respectfully present their third Annual Report.

During the year there have been, under the immediate care of this committee, 13 beneficiaries who have received the following sums viz : four have received the sum of \$200, four the sum of \$159, one the sum of \$134, one the sum of \$133, one \$90, one \$175, one \$160. Twelve of these have been members of the Theological Seminary, and one a member of Davidson College, North Carolina. Three of the above number have been licensed in the course of the year, and one has ceased by his own desire to be dependent on the funds of the church. Two others have been pursuing their studies under the patronage of a Society in the 2nd Presbyterian Church in Charleston, with whom your committee have had no immediate connection, and one in Oglethorpe University who has thus far been aided by individual benefactions, making the whole number sixteen, who are known as receiving aid in their preparation for the ministry within the bounds of this Synod.

The expenditures of the Committee during the year, for those under their particular care, have amounted to the sum of

Interest on money borrowed,	\$2,221 00
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Total expenditures of the Committee,	<u>\$2,221 00</u>
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To meet the above expenditure the Committee has received from the scholarships belonging to the Theological Seminary, 728 34

From other sources through their Treasurer Mr. Law, 1,172 39

For interest allowed on receipts by the Treasurer, 69 90

From the Ladies Education Society of the Presbyterian church Columbia for a student in the Seminary, 200 00

From the Ladies Education Society in the First Presbyterian Church in Savannah, towards the support of one of our Beneficiaries for this year, 160 00

Total Receipts,	\$2,330 63
Leaving a deficit in the Treasury for the expenses of the last year of	38 97
Add to this the debt reported by the Committee at the close of the year 1839,	803 80
And the present amount to which the Committee is indebted will be	842 77

This debt has been contracted to meet the pressing necessities of the young men dependant on us, who otherwise would have been obliged to relinquish their studies and turn their attention to some other employment which would furnish them the means of subsistence. And the Committee feel that measures should immediately be taken by Synod to discharge this debt, which we have been obliged to contract or fail of accomplishing the object for which we were appointed.

The sum of \$600 will be immediately required to meet payments due to Beneficiaries, which have been held back until this meeting of Synod, and which if added to said debt of \$842 77 will increase it to upwards of \$1400 00

The debt of the Synod for Education in each successive year have been as follows. When the Committee was appointed in '37, the Education cause was entrusted to our hands with a debt of \$2,000 00

At the meeting of Synod in 1838 this debt had been reduced to	445 00
At the meeting of Synod in 1839 it had again increased to	803 00
At the present meeting of Synod it is further increased as follows	842 77

Meanwhile the debt has increased the contributions of the Churches have fallen short of preceding years. Societies which formerly existed in different congregations for the support of young men preparing for the ministry have become inefficient or wholly extinct; some large Churches have contributed nothing to this object; some which were pledged to support a beneficiary have failed to do so; and some which we have attempted to reach by correspondence have not answered to our call for aid. Unless something is done to arouse the Churches to the importance of this branch of Christian duty at once, those who are now in a course of education for the ministry without means to pursue it, will be obliged to abandon their studies, and if this is done our Theological Seminary will soon become entirely empty, and the effort made to establish it be wholly lost.

The Committee, too, cannot avoid directing the attention of Synod again to the lamentable dearth of candidates for the holy ministry, and to the painful fact that so many who have obtained a College education, and who to all human appearance having the natural and moral qualifications suited to the holy office, turn away from the ministry to secular employments. We know this occurs in the all wise providence of God. Yet we cannot but believe that its so frequent occurrence is a frown upon the church and an evidence of unfaithfulness on the part both of Ministers and people. There is one direction of our Saviour, which we have fearful evidence is not obeyed. "The harvest is plenteous but the labourers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he would send forth more labourers into his harvest." Were the church intently engaged in interceding with God for a more numerous and faithful ministry, your Committee would not be embarrassed for funds, the faithful Pastor would not be so poorly provided as he sometimes is with the means of support; large and able congregations would not allow themselves to be deprived of the entire services of the preacher of the Gospel, the want of more Ministers would be felt, and more would be raised up by the head of the church in answer to the prayers of his saints. We who are Pastors do not enough honour and magnify our office, nor do our people sufficiently value it as contributing to render the church "the pillar and ground of the truth."

In conclusion, the Committee would frankly say to their brethren of the Synod, that measures must immediately be taken by them to discharge the debt which has been incurred. Our office of Committee now expires, and we express our sincere conviction that unless arrangements are made to meet the debt and to secure for this cause some more steady and certain support, no Committee appointed by Synod ought to assume the responsibility of conducting any further this most necessary branch of Christian effort.

We thus leave this subject with you, brethren, and beseech you to bestow upon it your earliest and your prayerful attention.

## REPORT

### *Of the Executive Committee of the Southern Board of Foreign Missions.*

The Executive Committee of the Southern Board of Foreign Missions, were they to confine their Report to the transactions of the past year, could comprise the whole in a very few sentences. They could refer to the Treasurer's exhibit, showing that the receipts of the fiscal year amount only to \$3,328 90; and that appropriations have been made to the same amount. They could state that they have published, both in newspaper and pamphlet form, the last report of the Board according to directions. They could add that they made the necessary arrangements for the employment of your Secretary and Agent, the Rev. Mr. Gilchrist, who, under their direction, instituted a correspondence, and performed other services in the office; but who, after a brief excursion to some of the churches on the Southern borders of the Synod, tendered his resignation, which, from considerations urged in his letter, and others which the Committee can exhibit, if required, was accepted on the 6th of April last—that, consequently the Board have been without a Secretary and Agent to urge upon the churches its claims, the greater part of the year. Indeed, nearly all that has been contributed have been the voluntary and spontaneous offerings of the friends of the cause. Would that these offerings had been far more numerous and bountiful! But we must be thankful for the day of small things; and even hope against hope—remembering that the silver and the gold are the Lord's, and that at his pleasure he can make it subservient to the promotion of his cause. The Committee have not assumed the responsibility of filling the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mr. Gilchrist.

Here the Committee might conclude their report—But it would not be doing justice to a subject of such amazing importance, and involving a most fearful responsibility, without bringing before the Board some considerations which seem to the Committee to deserve their serious and candid attention. And,

1. *The principle upon which the Boards of the Church are constituted.* It will be admitted that every organized Church is literally a Society formed for the express purpose of enlarging and edifying the body of Christ—and, as such, it has all the elements of a missionary establishment. The same is

true, but on an enlarged scale, of a Presbytery, and of a Synod. And what pertains in this respect to the inferior Judicatories of the church, pertains, in a still higher degree, to the General Assembly, which is designed to be a bond of union between *all our churches*, in which all are represented, and by which they are all constituted into one body having the same faith—preserving the same order, exercising the same discipline, and pursuing the same objects. The essential features of our Ecclesiastical system are therefore simplicity, stability, uniformity, and efficiency. It differs from the congregational system on the one hand, and from the prelatic on the other, and thus occupies the true medium between Radicalism and lordly domination. Our churches can act in concert through the medium of their Judicatories, and thus bring their united strength to bear upon the great command to evangelize the world; and thus one of the defects of the congregational system is avoided—a system which can only act in isolated and detached parts, except as loosely connected in voluntary associations. And thus also is it preferable to the prelatic system, as it allows a fuller exchange of views, and affords the safety which arises from a multitude of counsellors. In the Judicatories of the church—where these Judicatories are large—it has been the invariable practice to refer the subjects upon which they were to act, to Committees—and often to appoint Committees *ad interim*, for the transaction of business connected with the peace, and prosperity, and advancement of the Kingdom of Christ, during the recess of the Judicatory; and at the same, or at a subsequent meeting, to receive the reports of these committees—to amend, reject, or adopt them according to the deliberate sense of the body from whom they received their appointment. Now the Boards of our church are in fact nothing more nor less than Committees *ad interim*. They are invested with no other powers than those which are absolutely necessary for the successful prosecution of the objects committed to their charge—with no more powers than are the Committees of the Church of Scotland, to which our Boards have a striking analogy—and had not usage already given them the name which they now bear, we should much prefer the appellation of Committee to that of Board, as more characteristic, simple, and appropriate. We then regard our Boards of Missions, Foreign and Domestic, our Board of Education, and our Publication Board as Committees *ad interim*, and their Secretaries as Chairman of these Committees to whom specific departments are entrusted, and as invested with specific powers, which they are not at liberty to transcend—and for the discharge of their duties, they are to make a full and fair report to the Body in session, from whom they

received their appointment. If they have been negligent, remiss, or unfaithful, that is a subject which comes fairly before the Judicatory on the reading of their Reports, and may then receive the full investigation which the subject merits. And it is competent also to the Judicatory—nay it is their duty—to approve, reject, or amend the plans which may be suggested by their Boards for future action. It seems, indeed, to the Committee, a matter altogether impracticable to conduct either of the benevolent departments of our church with any efficiency or success, except through Boards or Committees, to mature the plans, provide the means, and to carry out in all their complicated details the objects for which they were appointed. And this too is in perfect harmony with that Ecclesiastical control, for the securing of which the contest was so long and arduous.

2. *The objects which these Boards or Committees are designed to secure.* And here the Committee beg to be indulged in a seeming digression from the specific object of their report, while they make a simple allusion to the other departments which, as a church, we are pledged to sustain. The Board or Committee of Publication, has, for its object, the extension of the knowledge of Christ through works which are deemed sound in the faith and order of the Gospel. And from this source there is to be anticipated a greater unity in doctrine and in discipline, with more love for the truth of God, and greater zeal for the promotion of his glory. The Board or Committee of Education, takes the oversight of the sons of the church who are desirous to enter upon the Ministry, but who have not the means of qualifying themselves for the arduous and responsible task. But an oversight which is in perfect unison with the control of the church to which they belong, and of the Presbytery under whose care they may have been received as suitable candidates. While it is perfectly competent for Presbyteries to do this, without such a Board, the Board is still of great use in concentrating the energies of the church, and as her almoner in dispensing her bounty to those who are needy. The strong is thus brought to the assistance of the weak, and the Apostolic lesson of bearing one another's burdens, practically illustrated. The same general remark is applicable to the Board of Missions, (we allude to the Domestic department,) by which feeble Churches are aided in sustaining the Institutions of the Gospel, and the *waste places*, which are many and broad, are cultivated by the laborers whom it sends forth to plant and gather the harvest of the Lord. But the Board claims nothing—attempts nothing, which is not perfectly compatible with ecclesiastical control. The Presbyteries within whose bounds the

labor is performed, yield not a particle of their liberty or independence in the reception of such laborers—Nay, they direct their labors, and have the entire oversight of the men—as much so as any other members of their own body. The chief benefit of this Board or Committee consists in their taking a particular survey of the entire field, and in bringing the energies of the church to bear upon the culture of those parts which seem most to require it, and from which the most abundant harvest is anticipated to the praise of God's glorious grace. While it is perfectly competent to Presbyteries to do all this, without any general Board, it should still be remembered that some Presbyteries are weak, and some are strong—some have but little Missionary labor to perform within their limits, and some, much—and to preserve that "*equality*," which the Great Missionary to the Gentiles recommended, is the peculiar design of this Board of the church.

We come now to that department of Christian labor which it is our immediate concern more particularly to examine. The field is the world. In this world, there are *the elect* of God, who are the peculiar inheritance of Christ—and it is his command that his Gospel should be every where preached, as the grand instrumentality of gathering into his fold such as shall be saved, and of making manifest to principalities and powers—to his rational creatures in all parts of his wide dominion, his glorious grace. But to whom is the command given? To the Church. And the Church, as an organized body—and as individual members, are bound to obey it. Now Foreign Missions have for their object the cultivation of this field—and they are to be undertaken and prosecuted in obedience to this command. Now it is competent to a Presbytery and to a Synod to embark on this enterprise—to establish and take the oversight of Missionary stations in any part of the unevangelized world which they may select, and to form churches there which shall be amenable to their authority. But as we have a tribunal which unites all our Synods and all our Presbyteries, and all our churches, in one body, it seems more expedient that the planning and management of the Foreign Missionary work should be under its control, than under the control of the Synods and Presbyteries—1st, Because greater unity of design will be secured—2dly, Because greater security of support can be afforded to those whom it may send forth—3dly, Because it can bring to bear upon a great object the concentrated energies of the entire church—4thly, Because Presbyteries and Synods which are too feeble of themselves to sustain a Mission can still contribute their aid towards sustaining the Missions established by the whole body—5thly, Because united effort in this cause, binds together

in closer fellowship and unity the entire church, and makes every branch of it feel that it is a part of the same precious vine—6thly, Because the same amount of care and labor in their oversight and management can accomplish vastly more than if dispersed among the Presbyteries and Synods.—7thly, Because the apathy of one branch of the church may be stimulated by the zeal and activity of another, and thus be provoked to love and good works by the power of example. 8thly, Because it tends to excite a greater interest in all the members of the church when they can perceive that a great work is in progress, and that they themselves are bearing a part in the labor. These are among the reasons which show the expediency of committing the cause of Foreign Missions to our General Assembly—and to Boards or Committees of their appointment and under their direction and control.

3. *The duty of the Church to engage in the work of Foreign Missions.* It is included in the command of Christ—a command which has never been repealed—and which enjoins upon his disciples to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. And hence is it the test of discipleship—a test which the blessed Saviour himself applied, when he said, “if ye love me keep my commandments.” It is moreover by the Church—the Church, as the appointed instrumentality of God, that his manifold wisdom, as exhibited in the Gospel of his Son, is to be made known to the nations of the earth. The clear and explicit command contains the principle upon which the action of the Church is required. And a complete illustration of this principle is presented in the conduct of the primitive disciples. They went every where preaching the Gospel. They sent every where the heralds of the Cross. A burning desire actuated the bosom of the Apostles to publish the glad tidings of salvation, not merely where the name of Christ was known, but where it was unknown. The motto inscribed on their banner was, *onward—onward*. And hence their travels, their labors, their epistles, their plans, their projected designs for visiting far distant lands, and their appeals to the Churches for aid in the prosecution of their labors of love. And hence the weekly contributions of the Churches for the furtherance of the cause—and their readiness to aid in the journeyings, and to supply, even to abundance, the wants of those who were sent forth to bear to the benighted nations of the earth the messages of grace. The Apostle could therefore say, “I have all, and abound,” and could say it too, to the credit of the Churches which had contributed to his support, and to the reproof of those through whose lack of service—whose failure in their duty, he had been left to endure want. Such is a brief notice

of the duty of the Church, as it is contained in the command of its ever living and glorious head, and as illustrated by the conduct of the primitive disciples. And now shall we obey the command? Shall we imitate the example?

4. *The means by which this object is to be effected.* We may pray “thy kingdom come.” We may plead the rich promises of the Gospel. We may feel every assurance that the prophetic descriptions of Messiah’s reign will be literally verified. But is that *enough*—is that *all*—is that the sole instrumentality to be employed by the Church in the accomplishment of this glorious work? May not all this consist with a *faith which is dead*, and upon which Heaven frowns? In plain terms, men imbued with the spirit of their Master must go forth to the work, and liberal contributions must be made by the Church to sustain them, otherwise they will have reason to apprehend that the curse of Meroz will rest upon them—“because they came not up to the help of the Lord—to the help of the Lord against the mighty.” It is a reflection upon this age of boasted light and liberality, that Agents must be appointed to visit the Churches, and press upon them the command of Christ, and the claims of perishing millions. Every Minister of the Gospel, so far as this cause is concerned, should feel that he was sadly deficient in duty did he not impress with line upon line and precept upon precept, on those to whom he ministers, this command and these claims. And it is a clear evidence that his heart is not in it when he suffers a month to pass by without presenting to his people light upon the subject, and soliciting their contributions for its support. Be they poor, or be they rich, let them see that none are so poor as those who are without the Gospel, and that all are comparatively rich on whom this inestimable gift is conferred. In addition to the contributions at the Monthly Concert—and it is to be feared that in some of our Churches these special seasons of prayer for the extension of the Gospel, are unheeded—there should be at least an annual effort, when all the members of the congregation should be affectionately urged, by their love to Christ and to the souls of men, to contribute as God has prospered them, for the promotion of this cause. Had this been done the past year we should have been spared the extreme mortification of presenting so meagre an account of the receipts in our treasury. How unlike that Church of old which exhibited the riches of its liberality during “a great trial of affliction” and oppressed with “deep poverty”—a condition of which none of our Churches have an equal right to complain. But the responsibility rests not upon the Ministers alone.—The Elders of the Churches should feel that when there is “a lack of service,” as the Apostle expresses it, a portion of the blame devolves upon them. For as ensamples to the flock

they should be so in their liberality as in every other part of what is properly called Christian conversation. A penurious Elder more nearly resembles Ananias than Gaius. But it is not penuriousness alone to which is to be attributed the little that has been done. Light has been wanting—faith, and zeal. They have not been taught that “it is more blessed to give than to receive.” They have not spread their thoughts abroad and looked—and looked till their eye has affected their hearts, upon the wretchedness of man in his wanderings from God—upon the condition of the perishing heathen—perishing for the bread of life, which has been broken for the world. And if any agency is required beyond what is presented in the simple organization of our Church, it is an agency of visitation to go from church to Church and spread before them the great objects upon which we have embarked—and their claims to support through the united effort of all its members. And to show them that instead of being satisfied with present attainments as almost a work of supererogation we have as yet bestowed the veriest pittance—only the crumbs that fall from our tables, and the bare gleanings of our harvest fields. And that when the tithes shall be brought into the store-house of the Lord, in compliance with his institutions, it will be seen by the blessings that he will bestow. But were the Church what it should be, even such an agency would not be needed. The liberality of all our congregations would anticipate and provide for the necessities of the Church, and none of its objects would languish for the want of adequate support. A specimen of the ability of the Church was given, when an appeal was made in behalf of our Board of Publication. But an appeal in behalf of Foreign Missions—important as the other object is, has claims ten, nay a hundred fold greater, upon their liberality—and claims which we cannot pass by unnoticed without incurring the guilt of not caring for the glory of Christ, and for the souls of those who are perishing for lack of vision.

5. *The results to be anticipated from efforts in support of Foreign Missions.* The promise is, “He that soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly, and he that soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.” It has been but a few years since the cause of Foreign Missions has engaged the attention of the Churches, and this attention has been comparatively limited. But yet the results have been such as to gladden the hearts of those who love the Lord Jesus Christ. Look at the heralds of the Cross scattered here and there, diffusing light amidst the dense darkness which surrounds them—the churches which they have planted—the native assistants who cheerfully proffer their aid—the multitude of schools conducted under their auspices—the printing presses which are employed

as auxiliaries in the great work—the translations of the Holy Scriptures which they have made in the language of the principal nations of the world—the refinement and civilization—the comparative freedom from ignorance and superstition, which have every where been among the fruits of their labors; and more than this, the deliverance of multitudes, hundreds of thousands of souls from the dominion of sin, and their translation into the kingdom of Christ. These are results over which angels rejoice. And greater results than the past may be confidently expected from greater efforts to extend the cause. And are not results like these worth infinitely more than the expenditure which it has cost to accomplish them?

What if the Spirit of God should be poured out upon all our Churches; and what if the hearts of many of our young men, and of many of our young educated men, who have engaged or purposed to engage in other professions and pursuits, should feel that they were called of God to publish the Gospel of peace, how speedily would a host be raised up, of the very kind of men which the enterprise demands. And should the consecration of wealth keep pace with the consecration of talents and personal service, how rich would be the offering—how abundant. And is such a result impossible? Is there any thing too hard for God? Is it wrong to make the speedy enlargement and beauty of Zion, not only in Christian, but in Heathen lands, the subject of our fervent desires, our importunate prayers, and our most confident expectations? If the promise is sure that “the heathen shall be given to Christ for his inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for his possession,” such a result as we have supposed is not only probable, but certain. And who can say that it may not be near? Or who can imagine that it is not to be accomplished through human instrumentality, while the glory shall all redound to the praise of Him who is the author and finisher of faith.

The Committee would conclude their Report by suggesting to the Board the propriety of recommending to the Synod to take the entire subject under their special consideration—in order that if there be any defects in our present organization they may be remedied—if any abuses, that they may be corrected—if any neglect on the part of those who have had the chief management of the business, that this neglect may receive the proper censure, and that others more worthy and more faithful, may be chosen to fill their place, and that they may search into, and if possible, remove the cause or causes, of that apathy which manifestly rests upon both Ministers and people in relation to this enterprise—confessedly the grandest and most responsible of any upon which the Church has ever embarked.

## TREASURER'S REPORT,

*The Southern Board of Foreign Missions in account with JAMES ADGER, Treasurer.*

1839.

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Dec. 6. By the following sums received thro'	
Rev. Thos. Smyth:	
Church at Lawrenceville, \$57 00	
Rev. L. W. Erwin, 5 00	
Gwinnett Institute, Monthly	
Concert, 8 00	
Beech Island Church, 31 90	
Macon Church, 244 00	
Dr. I. W. Harris, Abbeville,	
S. C., 10 00	
Uncurrent Money, 21 00 376 90	
Less—exchange, 2 90	
12. From Rev. M. Peden, from a member of his Congregation,	374 00
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1840.

Jan. 8. Monthly Concert 2d Presbyterian Church, \$33 40, (of which \$3 in Augusta Notes,)	33 40
18. Through Rev. B. Gildersleeve, collected at Concord Church for Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions,	42 60 76 00
Feb. 1. Capt John Blair, Through Rev. B. Gildersleeve, from a friend in Georgia,	50 00 50 00
3. Monthly Concert 2d Presbyterian Church,	28 05
6. G. T. Snowden, by Rev. Mr. McBryde, Ladies in Lexington, Geo., per Mrs. S. E. James, 16 25	100 00
Monthly Concert, Athens, 2 75	
Ladies Foreign Missionary Society, Athens, per Mrs. Hoyt, 4 25	23 25
11. G. T. Snowden, Esq. Agent, Columbia, S. C.,	201 50
12. Through Rev. A. L. Alexander, from the Young Ladies' Missionary Society in the Washington Female Seminary, for the support of Sarah Brackett, a heathen child in the Mission School, Ceylon,	20 00
24. Monthly Concert, Beaver Creek Church, per Rev. L. W. Curtis, \$16; Less—2 per cent discount on \$54 belonging to the Board, \$1 08,	14 92 487 78
March 9. Monthly Concert 2d Presbyterian Church,	33 00
14. Do. Church at Augusta, through Rev. B. Gildersleeve,	13 56
19. Through Rev. Mr Magruder, from an Episcopalian "friendly to the benevolent operations of the age,"	25 00

March 28.	Through Rev. B. Gildersleeve:—from Dr. Aldrich, avails of Monthly Concert since May 1838, \$95; a friend of Missions at St. Marys, \$5; St. Mary's Juvenile Association, \$10; Miss Mary Creighton, Treas. St. Mary's Missionary Society, \$54 57; public collection at Darien, \$50; monthly collection taken last summer at Walterboro', \$10; Rev. I. S. K. Axson, from Missionary Society in his church, Liberty County, Ga., being a surplus over and above their annual subscription, \$10,	
April 3.	W. Shear, Esq. subscription of the members of the Presbyterian congregation, Augusta, Ga., received certificate depositories of the Augusta Insurance and Banking Company,	234 25 305 83
6.	Through G. T. Snowden, Esq., donation from Winnsboro' ch. \$51; Mr. N. Nason, \$5,	514 00
7.	Monthly Concert 2d Presbyterian church, \$42; Beech Island church, through Rev. B. Gildersleeve, \$15 50; Rev. A. Gilchrist, returned by him, \$14 12,	56 00
17.	Through Rev. R. W. James, from Mrs. E. M. Witherspoon, \$20; from Miss E. L. James, \$20; less—postage, 50 cents,	71 62
18.	1st Presbyterian Church, Savannah,	39 50
20.	C. A. Stillman, Treasurer Foreign Missionary Society, Oglethorpe University, for support of Foreign Missionaries from South Carolina, under the care of Assembly's Board, and to constitute Rev. C. P. Beman a Life Member of said Board, \$80; less—postage, 75 cents,	253 11
28.	Through Mr. Shear, Esq. as follows:—Monthly Concert Presbyterian church at Augusta, (5th April,) \$11 31; additional annual subscription Presbyterian church at Augusta, \$8; juvenile subscription by the scholars of Mrs. Wilhelmie's school at Augusta, \$1,	79 23
May 2.	Monthly Concert 2d Presbyterian church,	20 31 1033 76
4.	Do. do. (and a gold ring.)	75 00
13.	Through King & Desaussure, from H. Atwood, a member of the Presbyterian church at Darien,	38 00
June 1.	Through B. Habersham & Son, from Dr J. M. B. Harden, contributed by the ladies of Liberty county, Geo., \$81 73; less—postage, 13 cents,	10 00 123 00
9.	Monthly Concert 2d Presbyterian church,	81 60
11.	Sidney Crane, Esq., collections at different times at Monthly Concerts Presbyterian church, Columbia, S. C.	26 00
15.	Mrs. Leland, Treasurer Ladies' Association, Columbia, in aid of Foreign Missions, amount of their annual collection, (of which \$50 is to constitute Rev. J. J. Du-	100 00

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June 15.	bese a Life Member of said Board, \$71 25;	
	Less—discount on \$5, Rail Road Scrip, 50 cents; postage, 13 cents,	70 62
	Through Rev. B. Gilderslœve, from Major Morrow, Spartanburg, S. C.	10 00
26.	Through Rev. R. W. James, from the Salem Auxiliary Missionary Society, \$25 ; less—postage, 25 cents,	25 75 312 97
July 6.	Monthly Concert 2d Presbyterian church,	41 00
16.	"A Widow's Mite" from a member of Second Presbyterian church,	5 00
18.	Through King & Desaussure, amount of collection at Monthly Concert in Rossville Presbyterian church,	20 00 66 06
Aug. 4.	Monthly Concert 2d Presbyterian church,	25 00
14.	Through Joseph Cumming, Esq., Treasurer, a donation frem the First Presbyterian church, Savannah, \$40 48 ; less—postage, 13 cents,	40 35
25.	A Friend in Jeffersonville, Ga., a "freewill offering," \$20 ; less—postage, 63 cents,	19 37 84 72
Sept. 7.	Monthly Concert 2d Presbyterian church,	34 75
21.	Rev. D. Humphrey, Treasurer South Carolina Presbytery, \$26 ; less—6 per cent discount on \$20, Georgia, and 1 per cent discount on \$5, Hamburg bills, \$1 25, D. W. Harrison; on account Missionary Chronicle, \$12 ; less—discount, 25 cents, Through J. L. Baskin, Willington, Abbeville District, S. C., from a friend, \$10 ; less—5 per cent discount on Georgia Bills, 50 cents,	24 75
Oct. 3.	From A. Giles, Esq., Abbeville Dist. S. C.	11 75
5.	Monthly Concert 2d Presbyterian Church, Rev. D. Humphreys, Treasurer South Carolina Presbytery, \$10 ; less—discount 30 cents on uncurrent bills,	9 50 80 75
8.	Through Wm. Shear, Esq. of Augusta, Ga., as follows : Monthly Concert Presbyterian church, Augusta, \$26 69 ; Ladies Foreign Missionary Society, Augusta, \$28 ; additional subscription Presbyterian church, Augusta, \$1 ; Miss Mary E. Walker, Richmond county, Geo., for the education of Mary Walker at Allahadad, India, \$10 ; Miss Caroline A. Hammond, of the Presbyterian congregation at Beech Island, \$10 ; Mrs. Thomas Gardner, Augusta, Geo., for Missionary Chronicle, \$1—\$76 69 ; less—discount on uncurrent notes, 30 cents,	10 00
19.	Through Rev. G. H. W. Petrie, from the Presbyterian church in Washington, Geo., for Foreign Missions, \$50 ; less—4 per cent discount on Savannah Bank Bill, \$2,	45 00
22.	Through Rev. B. Gildersleeve, from a Friend in Oglethorpe county, Geo., \$20 ; less—discount, \$1 38,	9 70
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Oct. 27.	Mrs. S. Workman, Treasurer Bethesda church, Camden, collected at Monthly Concert, for P. B. F. Missions, \$90 30; Rev. Mr. Donnelly, Pastor Beaver Creek ch., con- tributed by that church to Foreign Board of Missions, \$15—\$105 30; less—1 per cent discount on \$104, Camden &c. Notes, \$1 04,	104 26	311 97
Nov. 4.	Monthly Concert 2d Presbyterian church, 10. Through Rev. B. Gildersleeve: From Rev. F. Goulding, for Missionary Chronicle, \$1; Monthly Concert Presbyterian church, Augusta, per Mr. Shear, \$45 37—\$46 37; Less—4 per cent discount on \$5 Rail Road Company Scrip, 20 cents,	23 50	
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Jan. 23. To cash paid on account Executive Committee's order for Rev. A. Gilchrist for \$300, on acc't of salary,
Feb. 6. To cash paid Executive Committee's order to Rev. A. Gilchrist, for the use of the Library,
To cash paid Executive Committee's order to Rev. T. L. McBride, Missionary, G. Assembly's Board,
24. To James Adger for Check, Bank of Charleston, on Bank of the State of New York, remitted to Jas. Patton, (being an appropriation of the Board to- wards the erection of a Missionary House for the use of the General Assembly's Board,) \$500—3 per cent premium,
To cash paid Rev. A. Gilchrist on account of salary,
April 17. To cash paid Executive Committee's order to Rev. B. Gildersleeve for printing and distributing 500 copies Sixth Annual Report,
22. To cash paid for and remitted to Jas. Patton, Treas- urer Assembly's Board, by order of Executive Committee, certified deposite of Augusta Insur- ance & Banking Company, \$514; Bank of Charleston check on the Bank of the State of New York, in favor of J. Patton, Treasurer As- sembly's Board, for \$772 34—3 per cent pre- mium, \$791 51,
Juae 18. To cash paid Executive Committee's order to Rev. Thomas Smyth, for amount paid by him for post- age of periodicals, freight, cartage, &c.
Nov. 16. To cash paid Executive Committee's orders to Rev. Thos. Smyth, Clerk, for postage, periodicals, &c. To cash paid to Trustees Charleston Depository for use of Room,
To cash paid for and remitted Solomon Allen, Phila- delphia, for General Assembly's Board, by order of Executive Committee, James Adger & Co. in his favor, on Browns & Bowen, Philadelphia, at sight, \$10008 82—1 per cent discount,
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## STATISTICAL TABLE.

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Liberty Spring,	4	60	3	3	3	17	00	3	00	
Friendship,	1	51	3	5	00	1	00	3	00	
Providence,*		68						10	00	
Rocky River,*										
Broadway,	3	40	2	1	3	17	00	2	25	
Varennas,*										
Rocky Creek,	19	1	72	8	24	32	2	00	2	00
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+ Vacant.										

James Lewers, S. S.  
William H. Harris, S. S.

Edwin Cater, P.

James F. Gibert, S. S.

William H. Davis, P.

John McKittrick.

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From the other Presbyteries no such reports were received by the Stated Clerk as to enable him to make complete statistical tables. The following memoranda, however, may be useful.

*Presbytery of Georgia:*

MINISTERS.—Wm. McWhir, D. D., W. C., Evangelist, Savannah, Geo. Robert Quarterman, Pastor Congregational church, Midway, Liberty county, Geo.—Riceboro', Geo.; Charles C. Jones, Missionary to Negroes—Riceboro', Geo.; Horace Galpin, W. C.; Washington Baird, P.—St. Mary's, Geo.; Joseph L. Jones, 1st Presbyterian church, Savannah—Savannah, Geo.; Isaac S. K. Axson, Pastor Congregational church, Midway, Liberty county—Walthourville, Geo.; John Winn, S. S.—Darien, Geo.; John Jones, (Licentiate)—Bryan Old C. H., Ga.

The Churches of this Presbytery are, 1st Presbyterian church, Savannah; Presbyterian church, Bryan county; Presbyterian church, Darien; Waynesville; Linton Grove, Jeffersonton, Camden county; St. Mary's; Mandarin, East Florida, the Post Office of which is Jacksonville, East Florida, and St. Augustine, E. Florida; eight Bishops, eight Churches, and one Licentiate.

*Presbytery of Florida.*

MINISTERS.—John Brown, D. D., Fort Gaines, Geo.; P. F. Phelps, P., Tallahassee, Florida; B. Burrcugh, Savannah, Georgia; J. S. Graves, Monticello, Florida; R. M. Baker, Marianna, Florida; Eli Graves, Monticello, Florida; Joshua Phelps, Monticello, Florida.

The Churches are—1st, Tallahassee, 37 members; 2d, Quincy, 78; 3d, Monticello, 22; 4th, Mandarin, 6; Seven Bishops and four Churches.

*Presbytery of Harmony.*

MINISTERS.—R. W. James, Bradleyville, S. C.; W. Bearly, Winnisboro', S. C.; R. W. Bailey, Fayetteville, N. C.; J. McFarland; Robert C. Campbell, Camden; J. Brown, Darlington; T. R. English, Bishopville; W. M. Reid, Mt. Clio, Sumter; R. C. Ketchum, Buckhead, Fairfield; D. M'Queen, Sumterville; J. C. Coit, Cheraw; P. Pearson; D. J. Auld, Plowden's Mills, Sumter; M. Peden, Barrowdale, Fairfield; H. B. Cunningham, Indiantown; J. Harrington, Mount Clio; J. L. Wilson, Cape Palmas, Africa; A. Buie; S. Donnelly, Russell Place, Kershaw; A. G. Peden, Kingtree;—28 Churches.

*Flint River Presbytery.*

MINISTERS.—T. Goulding, D. D., Columbus, Ga.; J. W. Alexander, Newnan, Coweta; J. Stratton; A. M. Mooney, Friendship, Sumter, Ga.; L. Y. Corbin, Corinth, Heard; J. C. Patterson, Lawrenceville; J. S. Wilson, Lawrenceville; M. Dickson, McDonough, Henry; R. Chamberlain, Shady Dale, Jasper; S. J. Cassels, Macon; R. T. Marks, Columbus; T. F. Montgomery, Talboton; G. W. M'Coy, Athens;—33 Churches.

## RULES AND REGULATIONS.

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*Can a Presbytery meet without its bounds?*

To the question whether a Presbytery could call a meeting out of its own bounds, which has been submitted to the Synod an affirmative answer was given.

### *Rules of Discipline and of Order.*

"Whereas great confusion and laxity is occasioned by the irregular removal of members of our Churches without their bounds, or withdrawal from attendance upon their ministrations—And whereas the General Assembly has limited the validity of any certificate of Church membership to the term of a single year, and have thus instructed us that the absence of a member of any Church from within its boundary or supervision, for the space of a single year, is sufficient ground for questioning and examining into the fitness of such an individual for continued communion in such Church—And whereas, by the by-laws of several of our Churches, different provisions are made on this head, therefore,

*Resolved.* That it be; from this time recommended as a rule of action, in this case, to the churches under our care, that the name of any individual who had absented him or herself from the services of the Church for the space of one year, or who has removed from within its bounds, without taking a dismission, and been absent for that length of time, shall be stricken from the roll of members ; nor shall such individuals be admitted to the privilege of membership without giving satisfaction to the Session of said Church ; nor shall a certificate of dismission to any other Church be granted to such individual after their names are thus stricken from the roll—Provided nevertheless, that nothing in this rule shall be considered as applicable to those who may be absent from the bounds of said Church, on necessary and temporary business, or prevented from attendance upon the ministrations by sickness or infirmity.